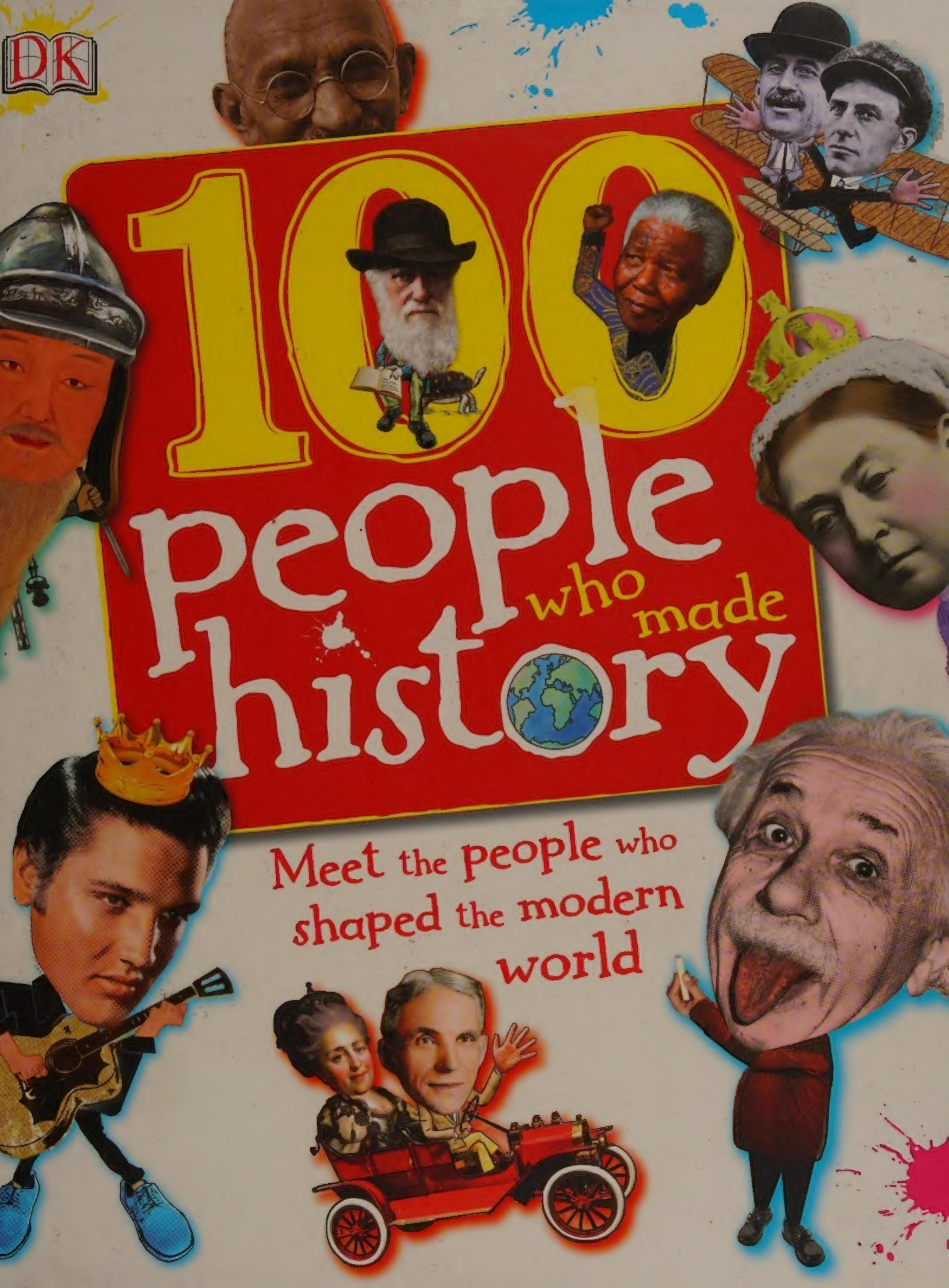


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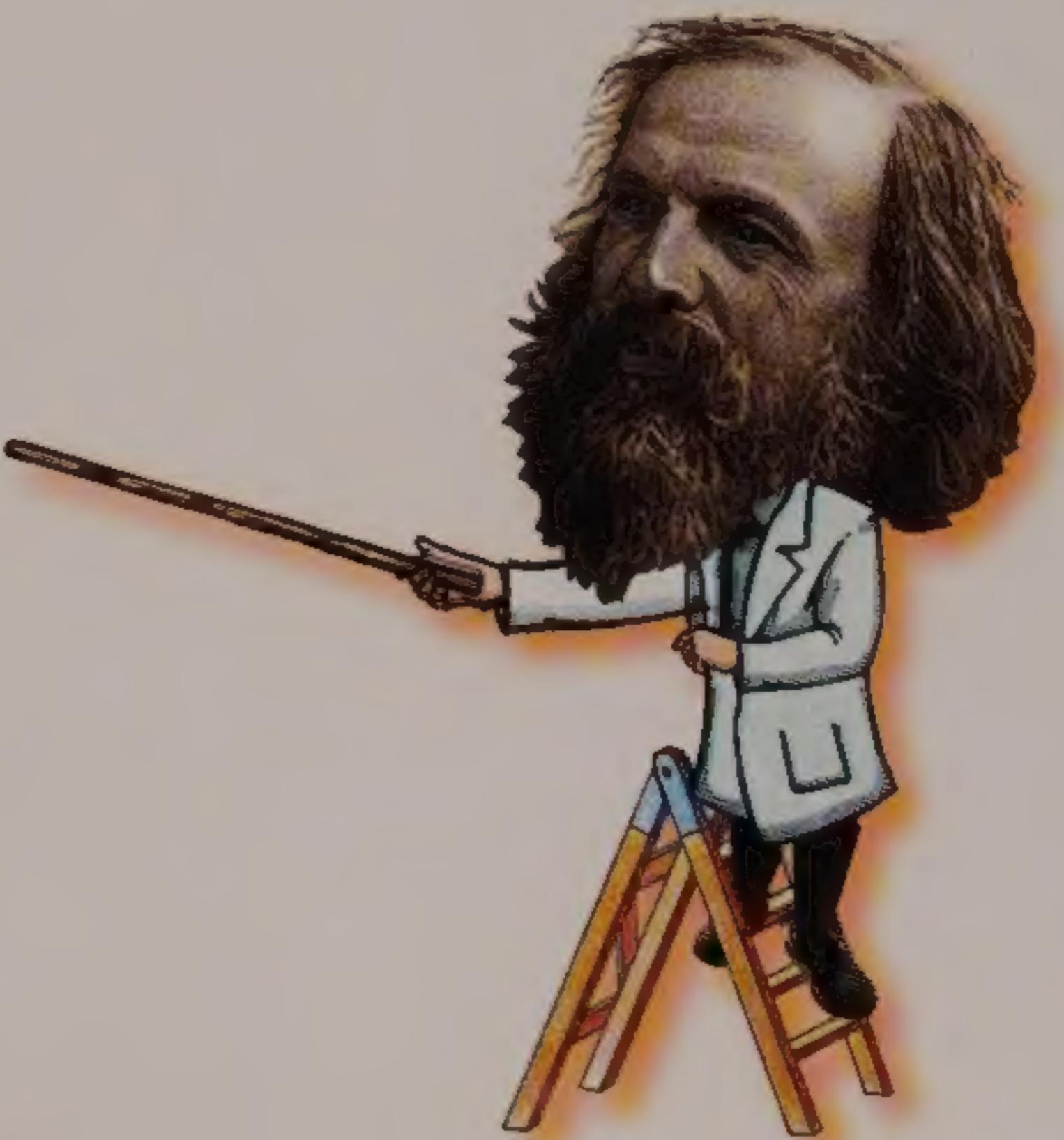
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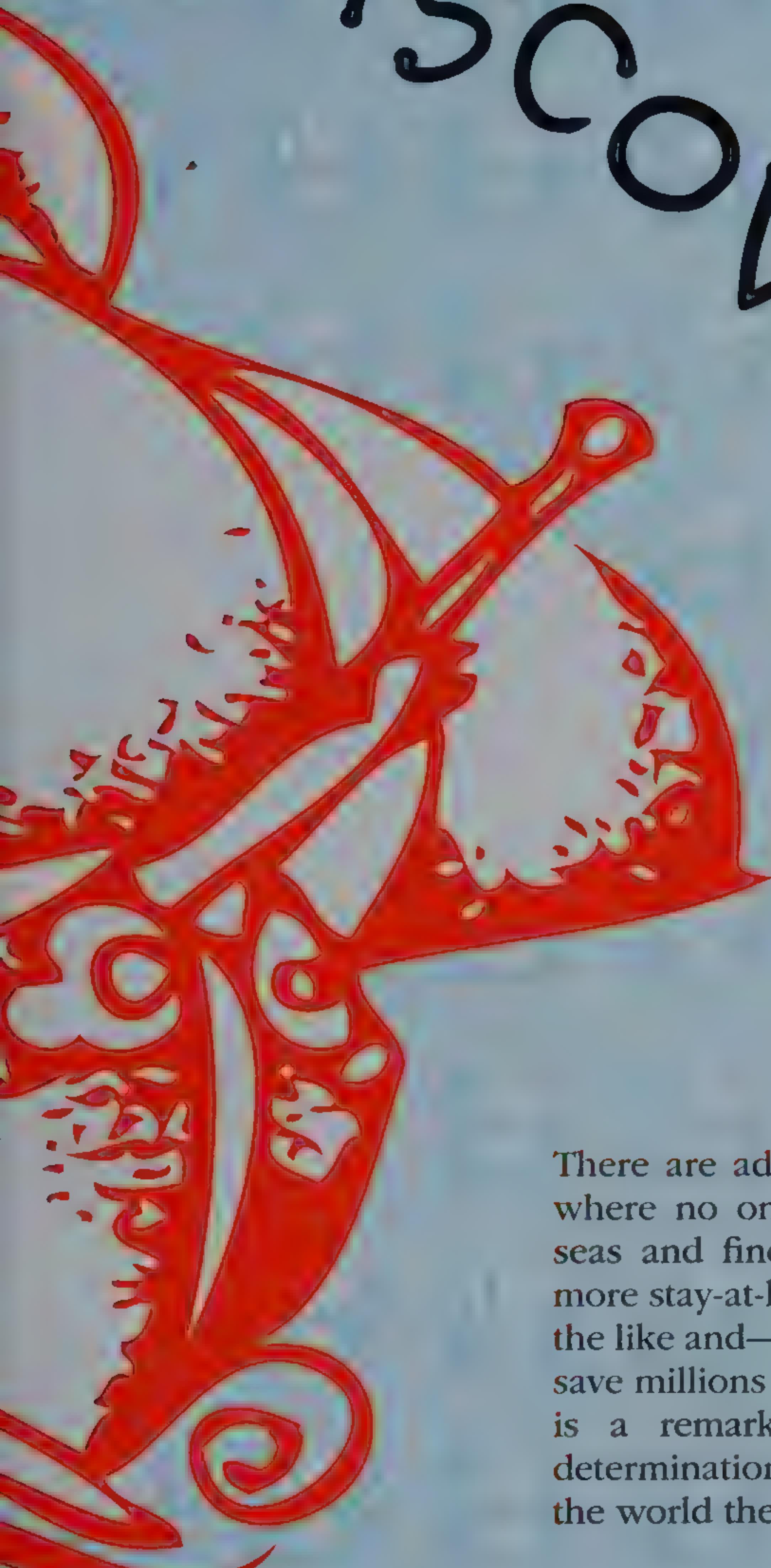
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Daring

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Discovering



There are adventurous discoverers who boldly go where no one has gone before, sailing the high seas and finding new lands. Then there are the more stay-at-home types, who toil away in labs and the like and—eureka—discover something that will save millions of lives. Behind every great discovery is a remarkable person, whose courage and determination—and sometimes plain luck—made the world the place it is today.

All about me

- **BORN:** 1254
- **DIED:** 1324
- **NATIONALITY:** Italian
- **FACTOID:** I traveled more than 14,900 miles (4,000 km).
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** My father and uncle traveled to China to trade jewels and met the Mongol ruler.

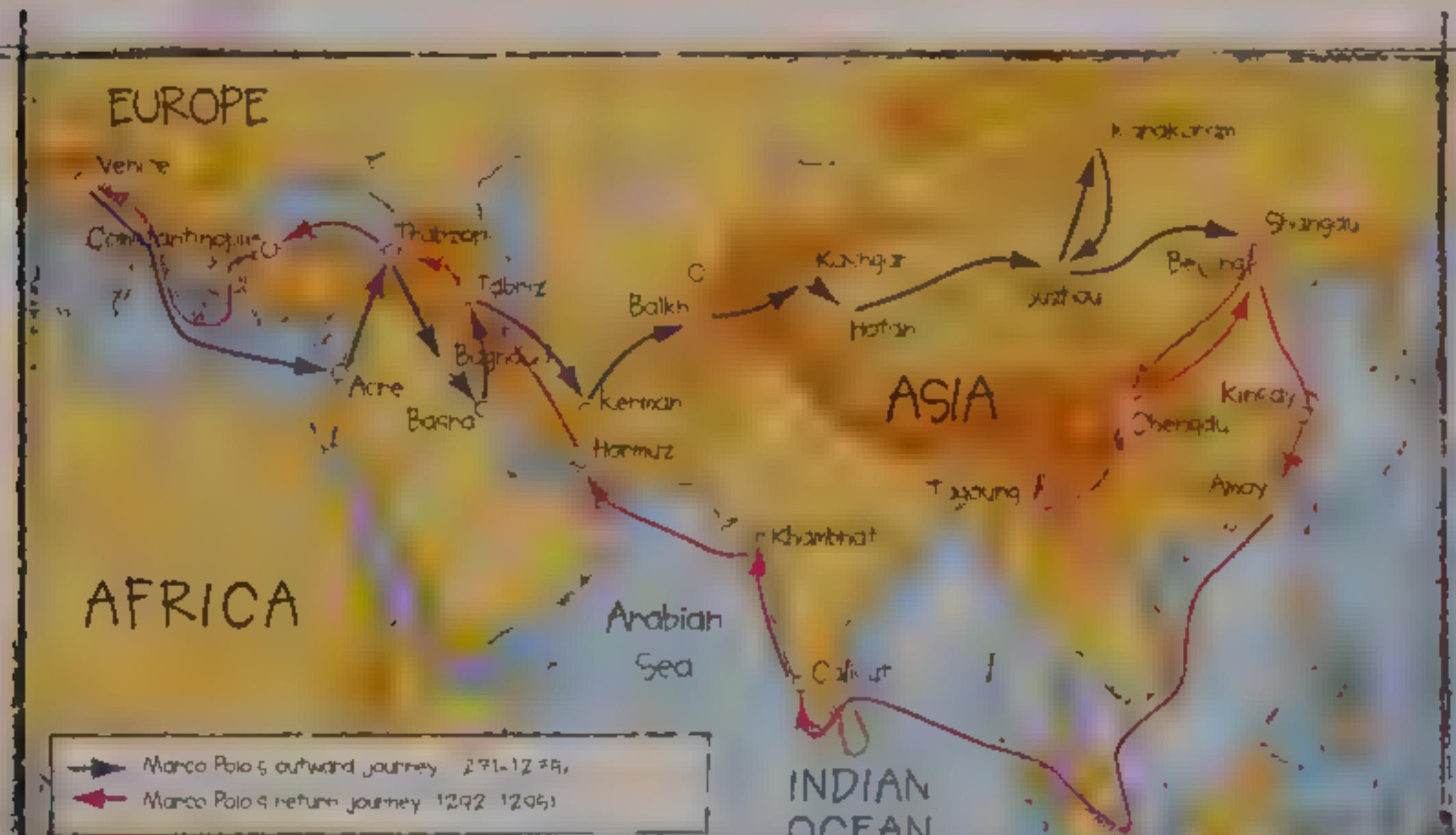
By the way...
my book gave Europe its first look into Asia, but many people didn't believe me and said I'd made it up.

Marco Polo

The man whose journey of a lifetime brought the FAR EAST to Europe

Marco sets off

When Marco was 17, he accompanied his father and uncle when they **returned to China** (see purple line on map). They spent 17 years in the court of the Mongol ruler of China, **Kublai Khan**. He really liked Marco, first making him a diplomat and then the **GOVERNOR** of the city of Yangzhou.



Marco brought the first kite to Europe from China.

He also introduced Europe to the power of gunpowder.



Return to Venice

Khan liked Marco so much that even though the Polos asked to return home, he **refused to let them leave**. Luckily, in 1292, the Polos were sent to escort a Mongol princess to Persia (modern-day Iran). They seized the opportunity, **ESCAPED**, and returned home after 24 years (see pink line on map). Marco wrote a book about his adventures, *The Travels of Marco Polo*.

All about me

- BORN: 1304
- DIED: 1368
- NATIONALITY: Moroccan
- FACTOID: My adventures took me more than 75,185 miles (121,000 km).
- IN A NUTSHELL: My family were rich scholars. At 21, I went on "hajj," a Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca (in modern-day Saudi Arabia), the holiest city in Islam.

By the way...
I never traveled the same route twice, except to Mecca. When I wrote my book, many people thought my adventures couldn't be true.

Catching the travel bug

Battuta's journey to Mecca took him along the North African coast, through Egypt, and the Middle East (each color on the map shows a different stage of his journey). Along the way, he was **ATTACKED BY BANDITS**, fell ill, and even got married. Even though it took him **16 months to reach Mecca**, he decided he hadn't done enough traveling, so he set off for **more adventures**.



Country hopping

Battuta traveled to Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), and then to Persia (Iran), before returning to Mecca, where he spent a year recovering from diarrhea. Over the next **26 YEARS**, he traveled to India, Anatolia, the Black Sea, the Caspian Sea, Afghanistan, China, and Timbuktu. **When he finally got home**, in 1354, he wrote a book, the *Ribla*, which means "The Journey" in Arabic.



Ibn Battuta

The Islamic scholar who just couldn't stop TRAVELING

Christopher Columbus

The EXPLORER who stumbled across the New World

Wind in his sails

Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy. He was **just a teenager** when he was first sent to sea, and after lots of traveling he made Portugal his home. Intrigued by the **spices and gold** on offer in the parts of the Far East, Columbus believed that he could find a quicker sea route to reach there. So at a time when most explorers sailed east toward the Far East, Columbus came up with a plan to search for it by **SAILING WEST**.

Columbus took three ships on the voyage—the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Niña.

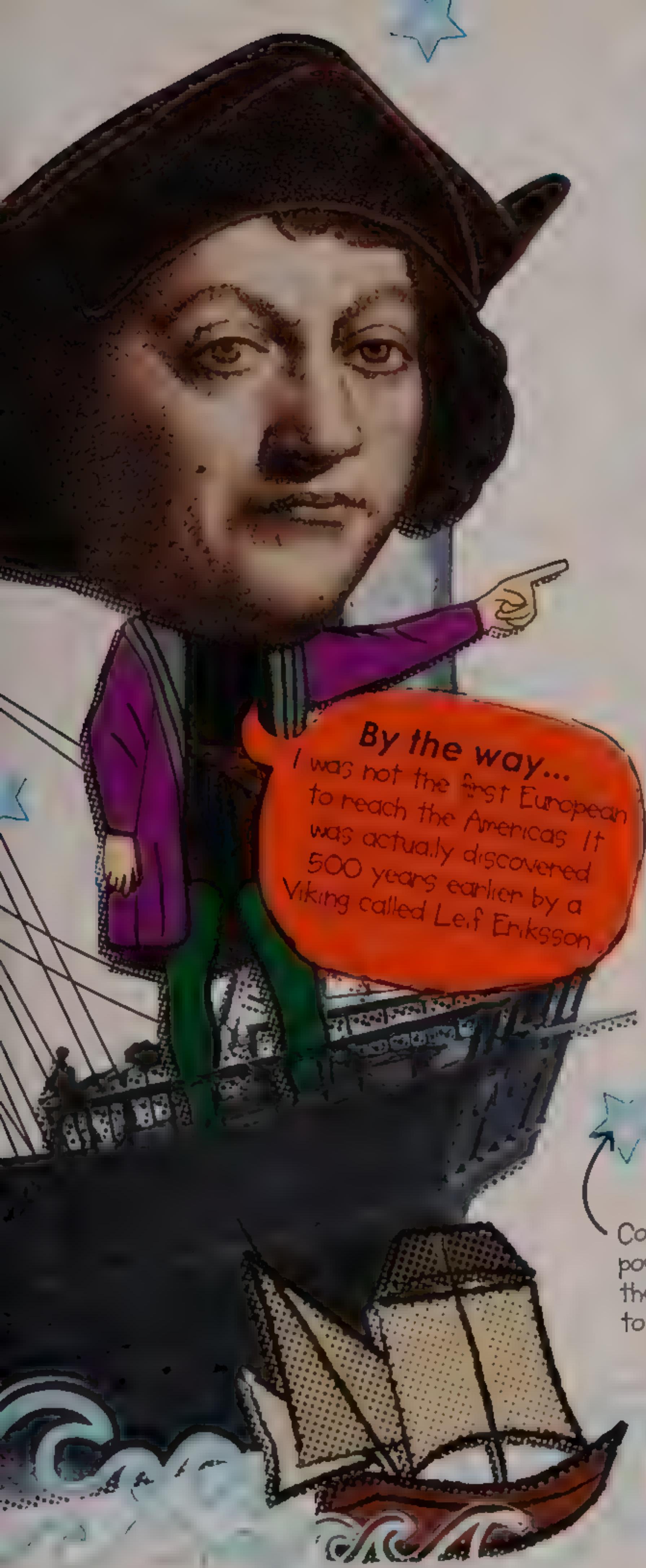
He couldn't have done it without...

The remarkable adventures of MARCO POLO (1254–1324) in China helped to open up valuable trade routes to the Far East.



Columbus got the money he needed for his expedition from Spain's KING FERNAND (1452–1516) and QUEEN ISABELLA (1451–1504).





Accidental hero

After being turned down in Portugal, Columbus got the funding he needed from Spain and, in 1492, he set sail across the **Atlantic Ocean**. Ten weeks later, his ships spotted land and Columbus went ashore on what he thought was an island near India, calling the indigenous people "Indians"—he was actually in the Caribbean. Of course, Columbus hadn't found a **shortcut to India**, but he did discover the land we would come to know as **AMERICA**.

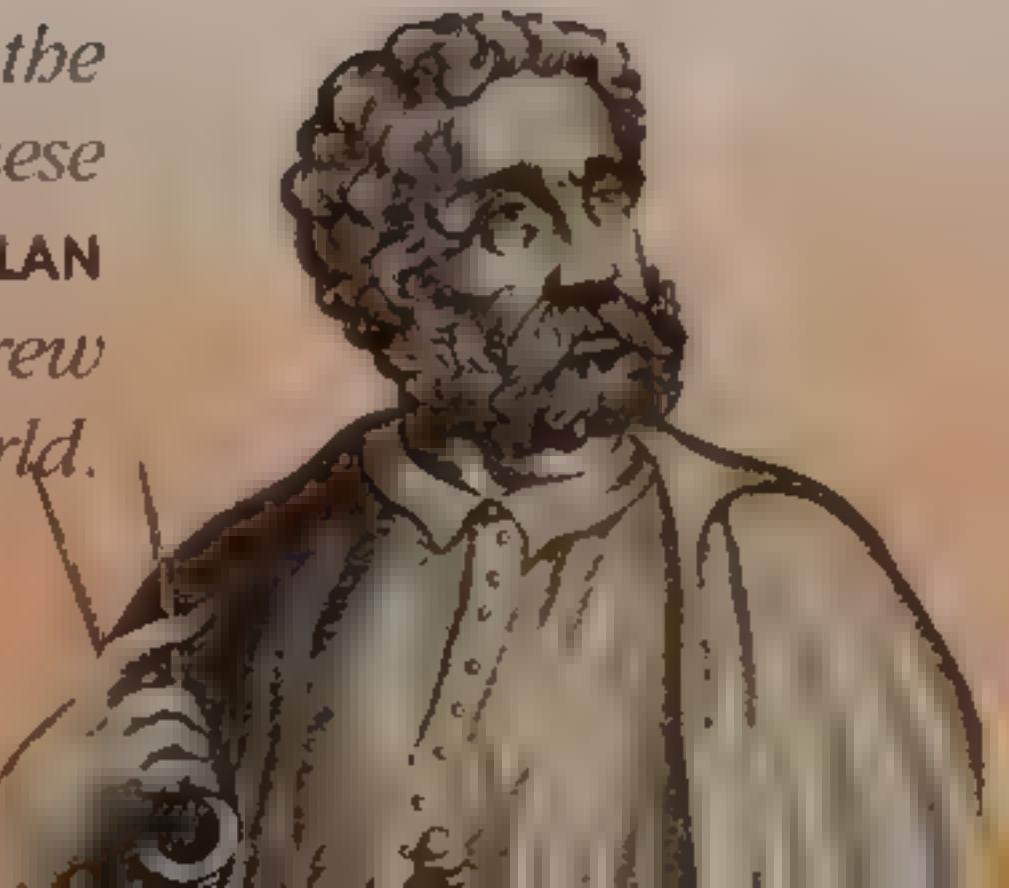
Columbus used the position of the stars, the Moon, and the Sun to find his way at sea.

Age of empires

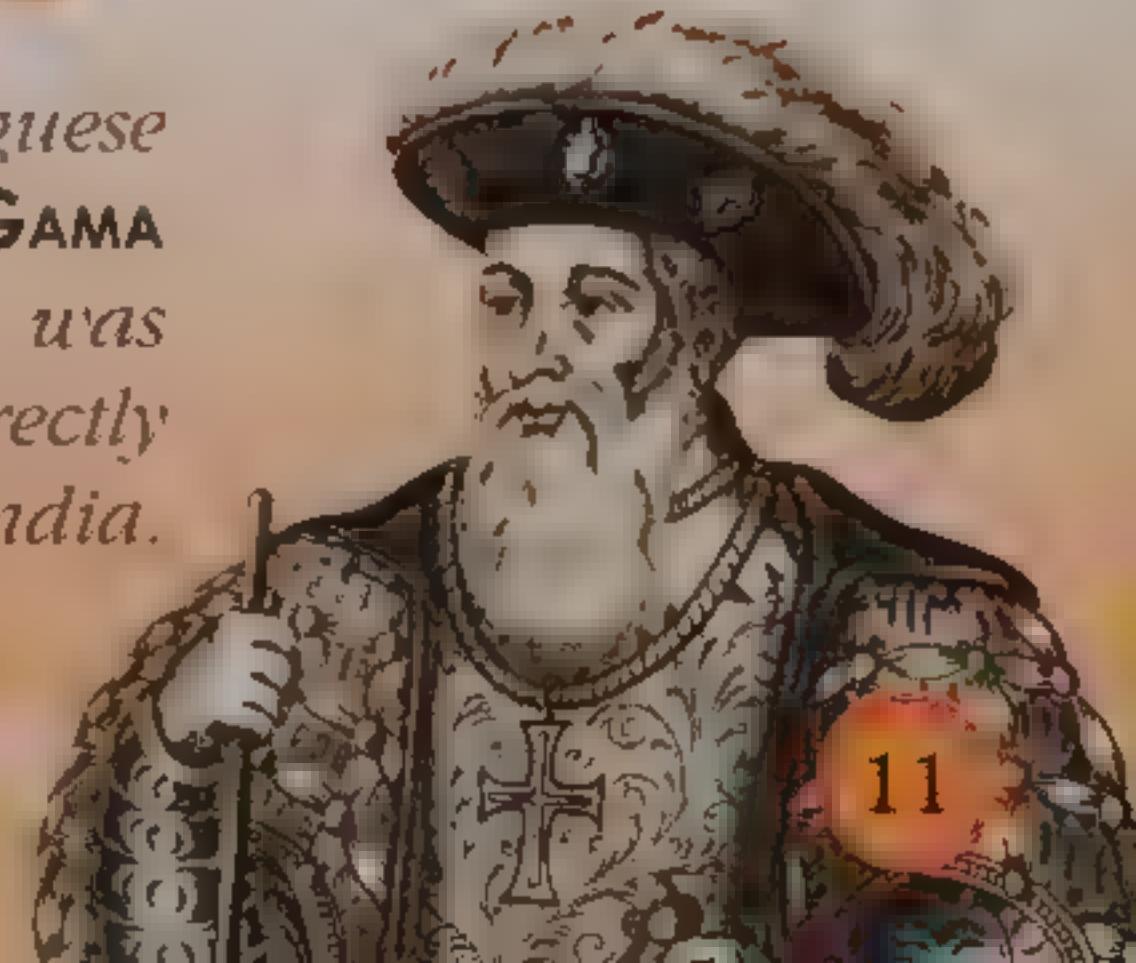
The discovery of America by Columbus started centuries of conquest and colonization that changed the world forever. However, as countries built up their empires, many indigenous people suffered.

He paved the way for...

Although he died along the way, in 1519, the Portuguese explorer **FERDINAND MAGELLAN** (1480–1521) led the first crew ever to sail around the world.



Another Portuguese explorer, **VASCO DA GAMA** (c.1460–1524), was the first to sail directly from Europe to India.



Galileo Galilei

The “father of MODERN science”

Galileo was an astronomer, physicist, mathematician, and inventor. He is considered to be one of the most famous scientists of all time.

From medicine to math

Galileo Galilei was born in 1564 near Pisa, Italy. He **studied medicine** at the University of Pisa, but changed his mind and switched to **mathematics**, and, in 1589, he became a professor of mathematics. In 1609, Galileo heard about something called a **TELESCOPE** that had been invented in Holland.



I spy with my little eye

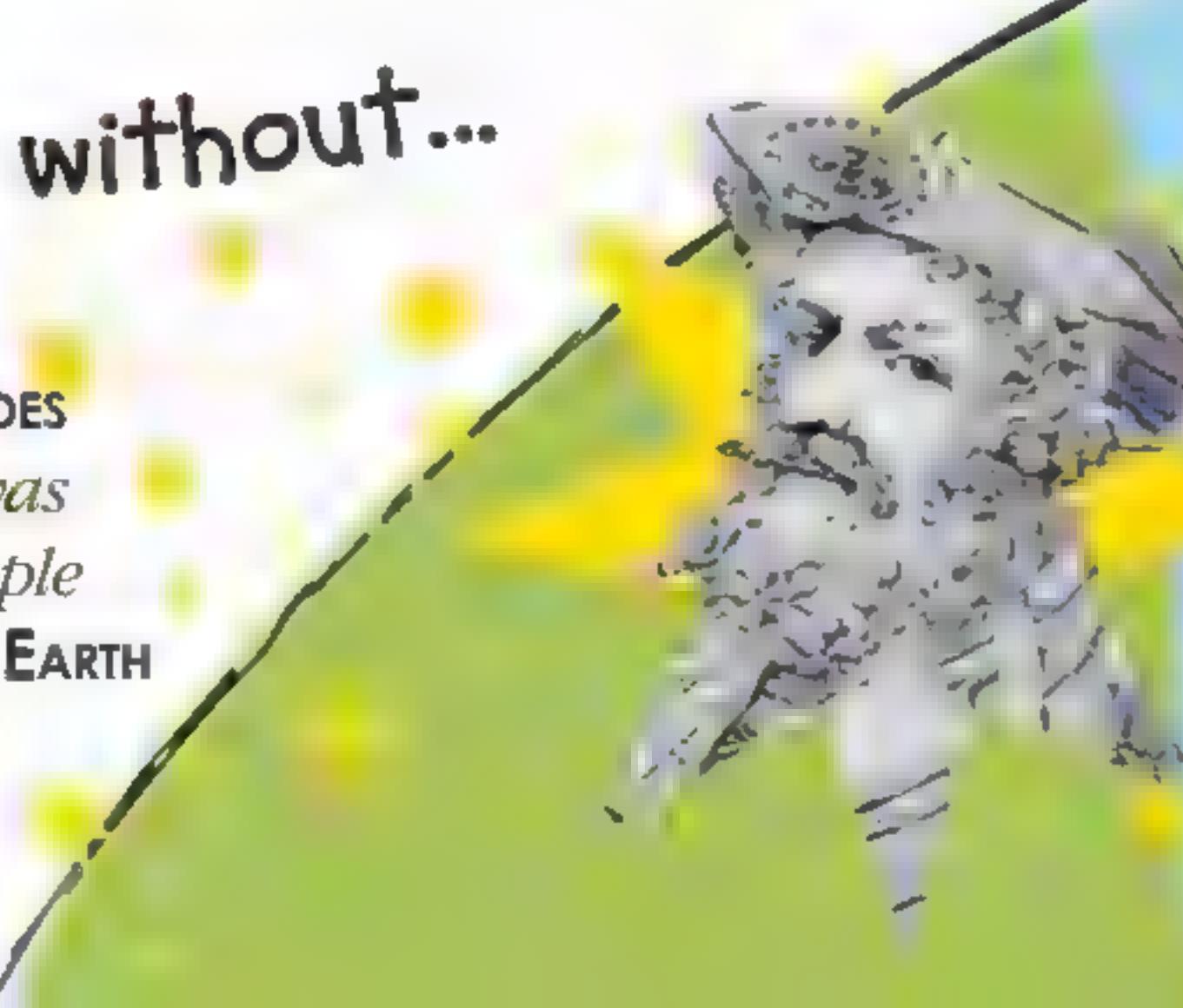
Amazingly, even though Galileo had never seen a telescope, he **BUILT HIS OWN VERSION** that was much better than the original. Using his new telescope, he discovered mountains and valleys on the surface of the Moon, **sunspots**, and the moons of Jupiter. His discoveries made him a **celebrity**.

Galileo originally sold his telescope as a way for towns to spot approaching enemy ships.

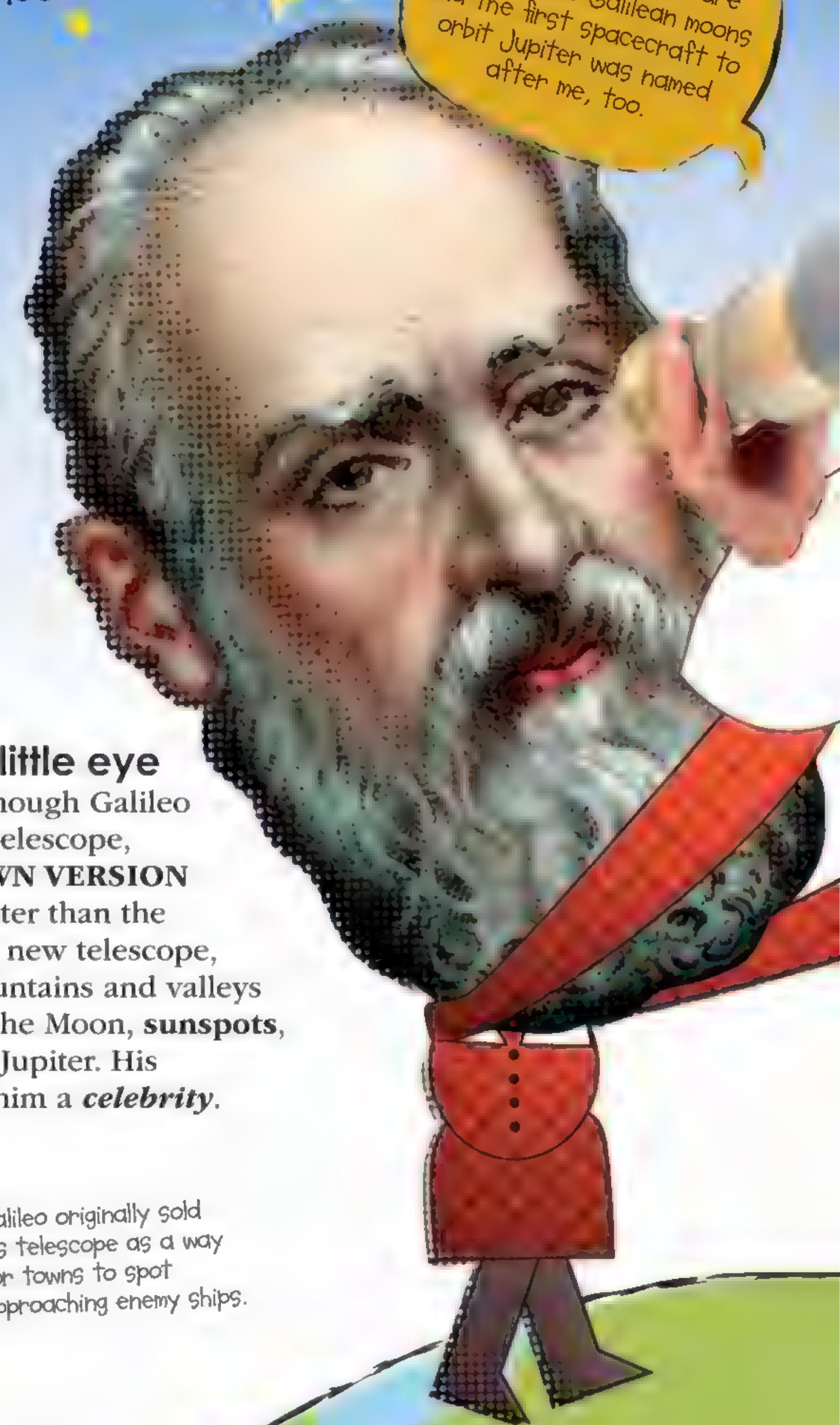
He couldn't have done it without...



The great **ARCHIMEDES** (c.287–212 BCE) was one of the first people to suggest that the **EARTH** **ORBITS THE SUN**.



PTOLEMY (90–168 CE) created **ASTRONOMICAL TABLES** that allowed people to calculate the location of the planets.

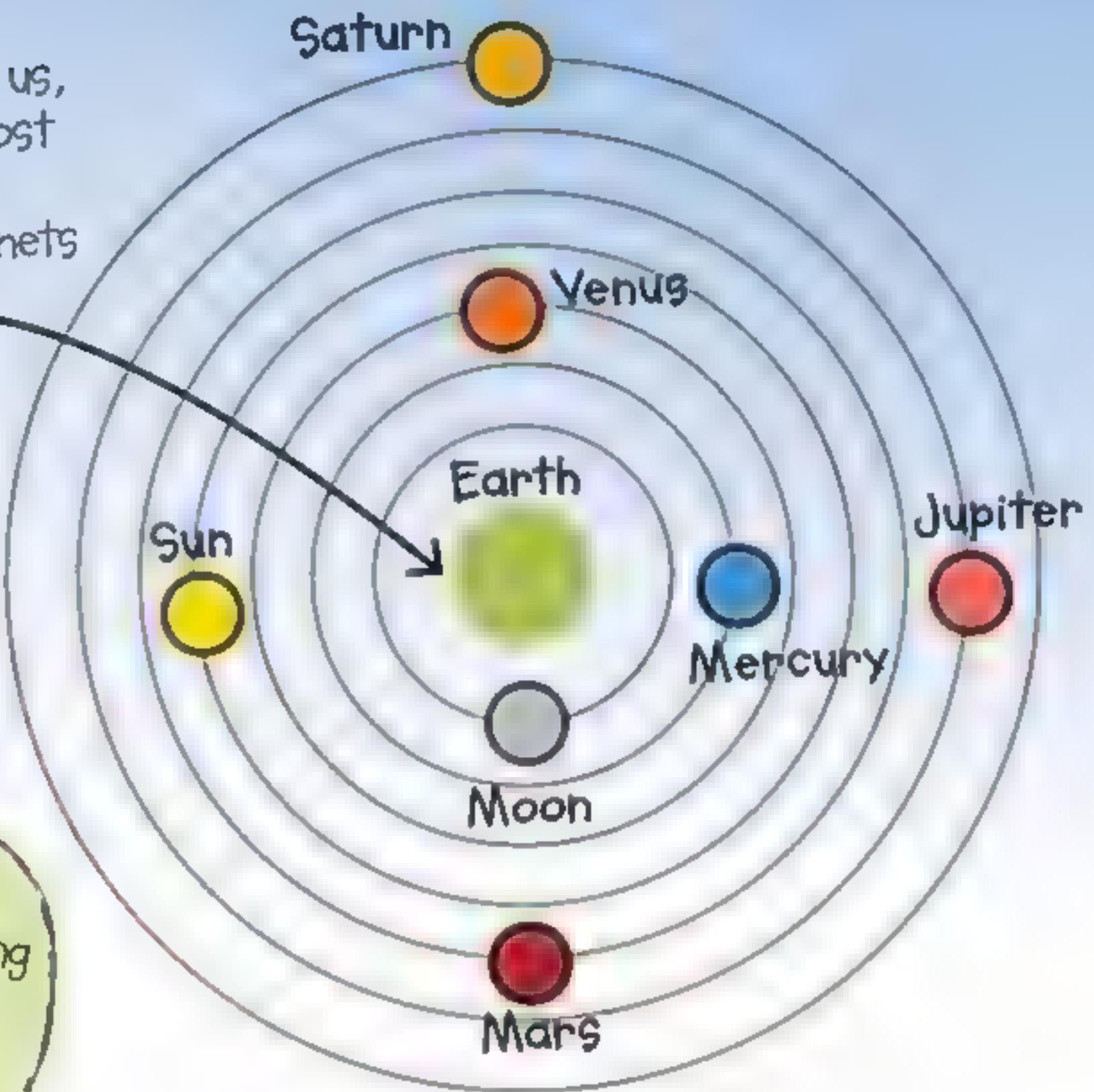


By the way...
the moons of Jupiter are known as the Galilean moons and the first spacecraft to orbit Jupiter was named after me, too.

Galileo versus God

In one of his books, Galileo explained how the Earth orbits the Sun. The church didn't like this because it taught that the Earth is the **center of the Universe**. In 1616, Galileo was accused of **heresy** and forbidden from teaching or talking about his theories. He didn't obey the church's request for long, and, in 1633, he was sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON** unless he renounced his beliefs.

It might seem silly to us, but before Galileo most people believed that the Sun and the planets orbited the Earth.



Did you know?
Galileo didn't get everything right. He thought that the tides were caused by oceans sloshing about as Earth orbits the Sun.

Falling for gravity

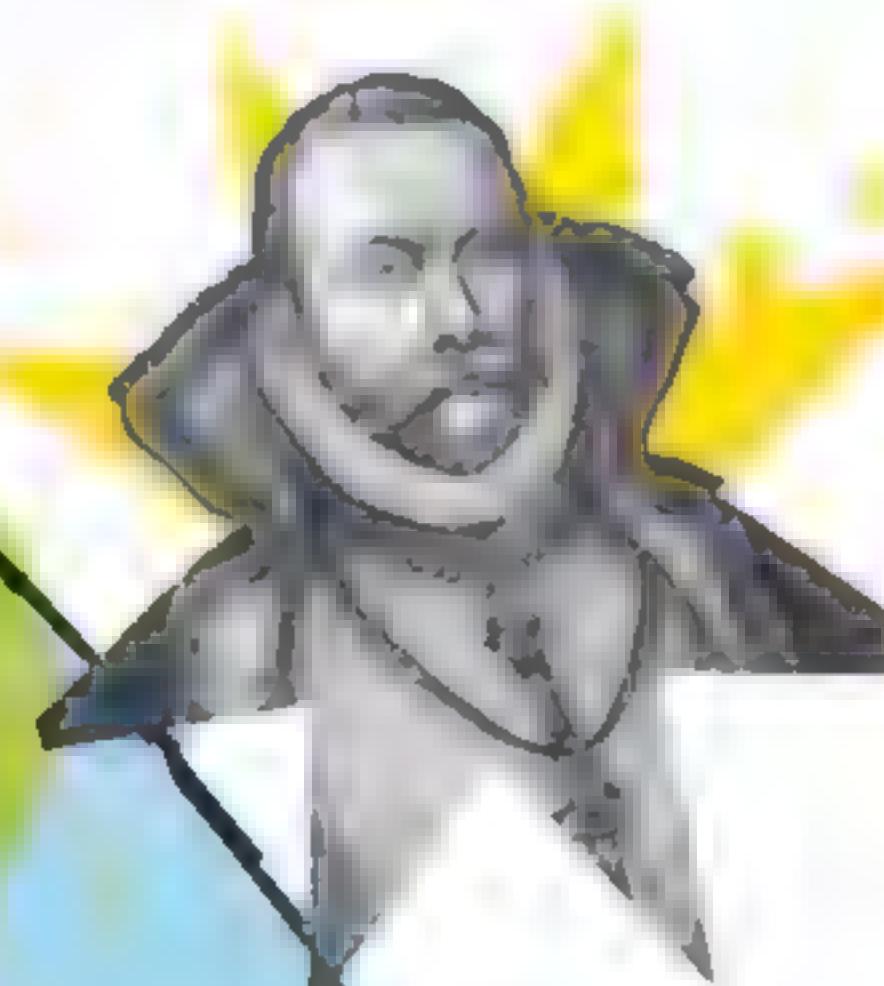
Galileo dropped two different cannonballs from the Tower of Pisa to prove that objects fall at the same speed.



NICOLAS COPERNICUS (1473–1543) used **MATHEMATICAL MODELS** to prove that the Earth orbits the Sun.



Trailblazer
Albert Einstein called Galileo the "father of modern science." His discoveries undermined the power of the church and helped give scientists the freedom to talk about their work without fear of persecution.



The nobleman TYCHO BRAHE (1546–1601) made the most accurate **ASTRONOMICAL MEASUREMENTS** of his day.

Isaac Newton

The man who got HEAVY with GRAVITY

Isaac Newton figured out why objects fall to the ground and why the planets move the way they do.

Plagued with questions

Isaac Newton was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1643. His father died before he was born but, despite having a difficult childhood, he gained a place at **Cambridge University**. When the **PLAQUE** broke out he was forced home and, with so much free time on his hands, Newton started to wonder about *what made things fall*.

An apple a day

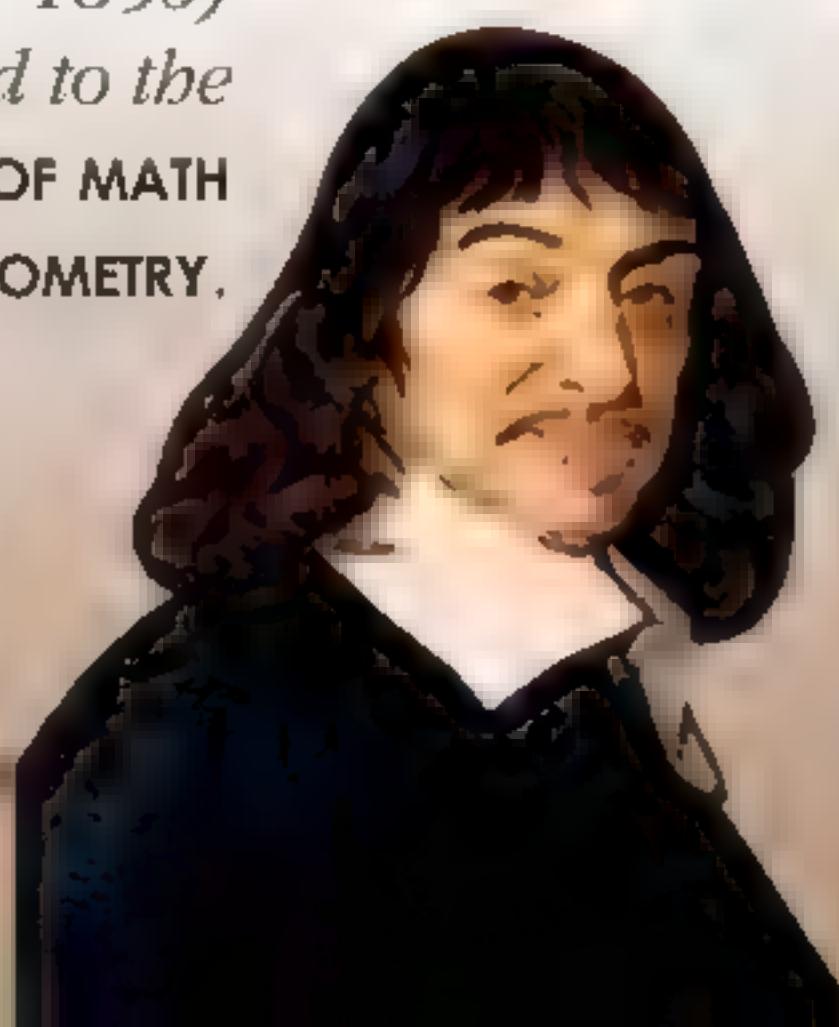
Newton said that he was inspired to think about forces when he saw an *apple fall from a tree*. He came up with the theory of **GRAVITY**, an invisible force that **pulls all of the objects** in the Universe together, and the reason things don't float off into the sky.

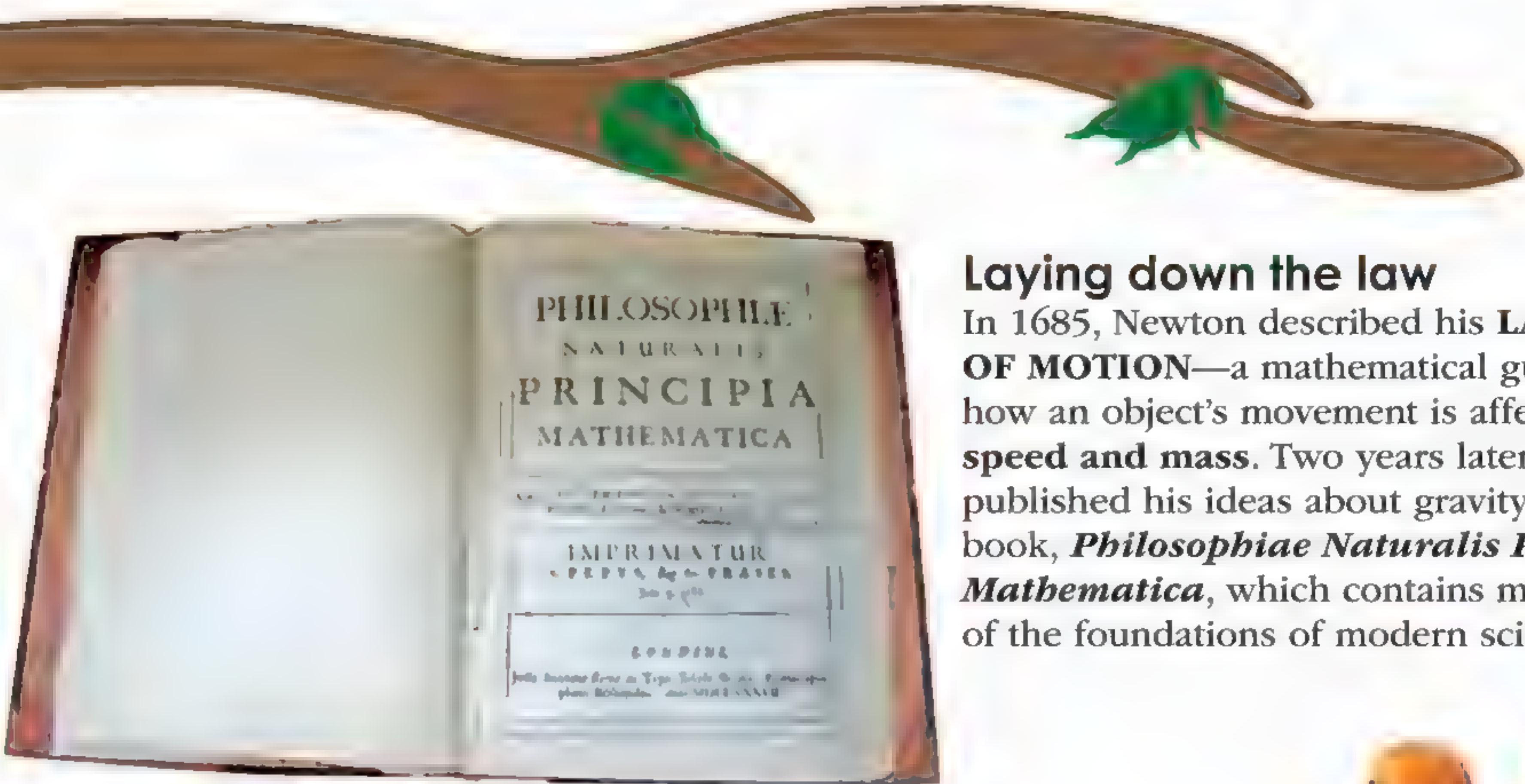
By the way...
I made most of my discoveries between the ages of 21 and 27, but didn't publish many of them until years later.

He couldn't have done it without...

The German astronomer **JOHANNES KEPLER'S** (1571–1630) **LAWs OF PLANETARY MOTION** showed how planets orbit the Sun.

The French thinker **RENE DESCARTES** (1596–1650) contributed to the **DEVELOPMENT OF MATH AND GEOMETRY**.





Laying down the law

In 1685, Newton described his **LAWS OF MOTION**—a mathematical guide to how an object's movement is affected by **speed and mass**. Two years later, Newton published his ideas about gravity in his book, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, which contains many of the foundations of modern science.



Light fantastic

Newton also invented a new kind of telescope called a **REFLECTOR**. It used a mirror to collect light instead of lenses, and was **much more powerful than existing telescopes**. He also showed that white light was made up of ***all the colors of the rainbow***.

Newton used a glass prism to split light into separate colors.

The HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE is based on Newton's reflecting telescope design, called a Newtonian telescope.

He paved the way for...

Astronomers used Newton's laws to find URANUS, NEPTUNE, AND THE DWARF PLANET PLUTO, which they couldn't find without his telescope.



Dmitri Mendeleev

Dmitri Mendeleev revolutionized chemistry when he created the first version of the periodic table of elements.

Elementary student

Born in 1834 in Tobolsk, Russia, Mendeleev studied science in St. Petersburg and became a **professor of chemistry**. As a teacher, he thought that if he could organize the chemical elements, it would **help his students** to understand them. This was a difficult task, and he spent years trying to figure out how to do it.

Atomic number is the total number of protons (positively charged particles) in the nucleus

Chemical symbol is shorthand for the element

Name of the periodic element

Atomic mass gives the number of protons and neutrons (particles without an electric charge) in the nucleus

Each family is
a different color.

The horizontal rows (periods) correspond with the number of electrons (negatively charged particles) that orbit the nucleus. So, hydrogen in row 1 has one electron and barium in row 6 has six.

ROBERT BOYLE (1627–1691) was an Irish chemist who was able to prove that gases are made up of widely spaced, moving atoms.

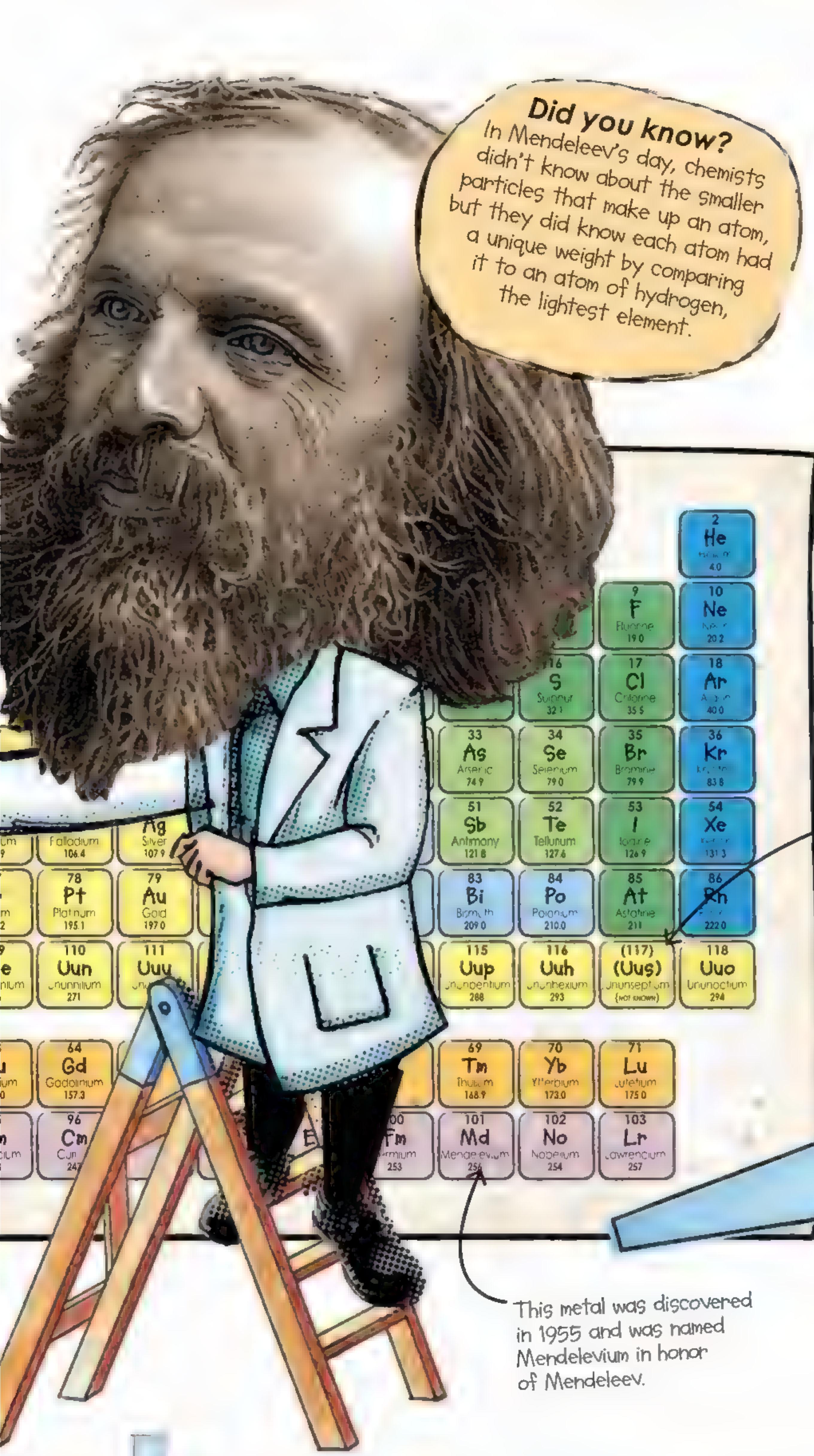
The Greek philosopher DEMOCRITUS (460–370 BCE) suggested that everything was made up of atoms, which means “indivisible” in Greek.

By the way...
I was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1906, but I didn't get it because my discovery was too old by then.

PERIODIC TABLE

- The vertical columns are called groups, which contain elements with similar properties.

He couldn't have done it without...
without an electric charge
in the nucleus



Order out of chaos

Mendeleev believed there must be some kind of order to the elements. Previously, chemists had grouped the elements either by their atomic weight or by how they behaved (what they reacted with). Mendeleev turned it into a game of cards that he called "**chemical solitaire**." He wrote each element's name and atomic weight on a card and tried to organize them. Eventually, he had a table that listed the elements by their atomic weight and grouped them into **nine families**, such as metals, nonmetals, and noble gases. The periodic table he created in 1869 revealed that there was a **PATTERN** to the way the elements behaved.

Mendeleev left gaps for elements that were **STILL UNKNOWN**. By looking at the patterns of his table, he predicted the appearance and behavior of the missing elements. He was right every time.

A science revolution

The periodic table of elements completely revolutionized our understanding of the properties of atoms and led to the discovery of many elements new to science.

It also paved the way for a new branch of science called quantum mechanics.

The first ever list of the chemical elements was put together by the French chemist ANTOINE LAVOISIER (1743–1794).

The Italian chemist STANISLAO CANNIZZARO (1826–1910) devised a way to measure the atomic weights of the elements.

Charles Darwin

Making a MONKEY of mankind

Darwin showed that the complexity of life on Earth is the result of millions of years of gradual change and not of a single act of biblical creation.



He couldn't have done it without...

Swedish botanist **CARL LINNAEUS** (1707–1778) came up with the modern way of grouping related species together, also known as **TAXONOMY**.

Early years

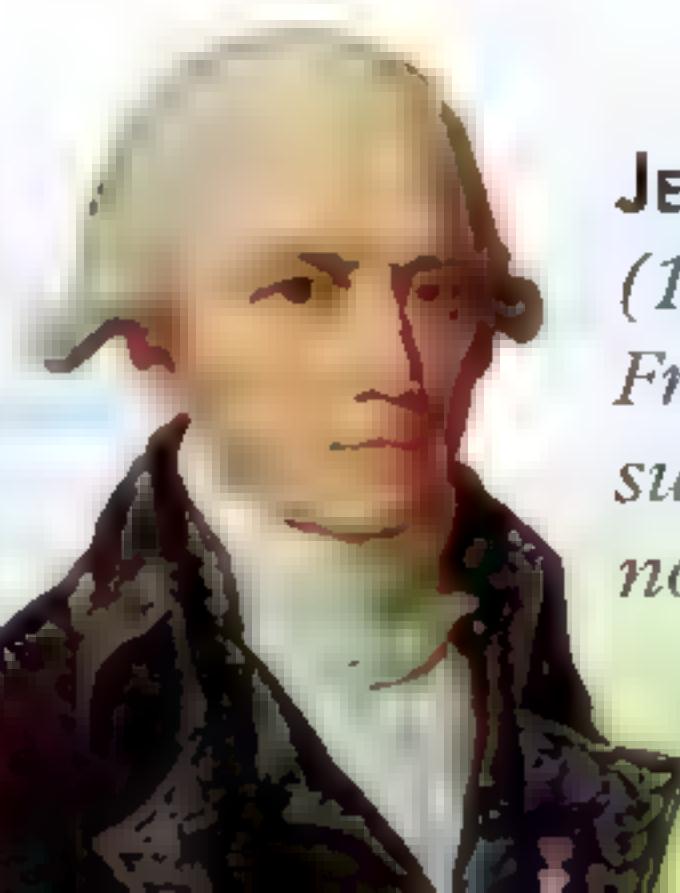
Charles Darwin was born into a wealthy family in Shrewsbury, England, in 1809. As a young man Darwin wanted to be a **doctor**, but he *hated* the sight of blood, so he studied religion instead.

He learned about **Natural Theology**, which taught how God designed life on Earth... but he would soon question this idea.

An incredible voyage

When he was just 22, Darwin joined a scientific expedition on a ship called **HMS Beagle**. He spent the five-year voyage *observing nature*, which included making notes and collecting samples. While visiting the **GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS** in the Pacific Ocean, Darwin noticed that animals that were obviously related looked slightly different on different islands.

The finches that started Darwin thinking have become a symbol for evolution.



JEAN-BAPTISTE LAMARCK (1744–1829) was a French naturalist who suggested that species were not fixed but could **EVOLVE**.



By the way...
lots of people hated my theory because it suggested that humans had evolved, just like any other animal.



Natural Selection

Finches with large, strong beaks lived on islands with lots of seeds, but those on islands with lots of insects had narrow, pointy beaks. Darwin realized they had **adapted** to fit each island's unique environment. The animals with features best suited to where they lived were more likely to survive to pass on those features to their offspring. So, he had discovered that **SPECIES CHANGE** over a long period of time—he called this theory “**Evolution by the Process of Natural Selection.**”

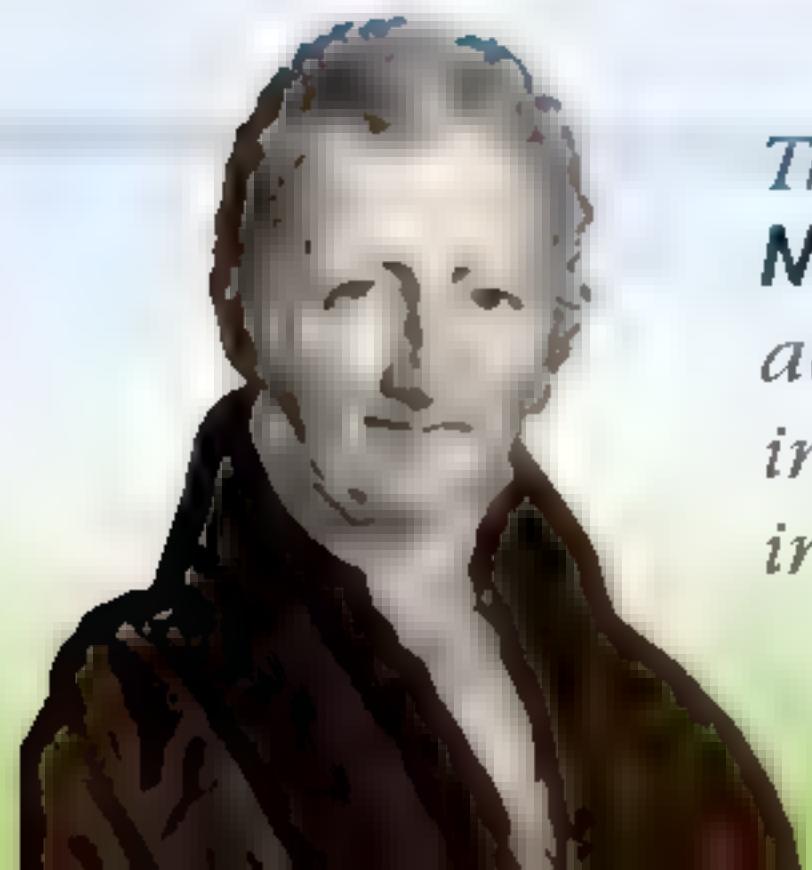
World-changing book

His book *On the Origin of Species* became an instant bestseller when it was published in 1859. Darwin's theory is one of the most important scientific ideas of all time. He changed the way we look at life on Earth forever.

Darwin revolutionized the science of biology



Each island of the Galápagos has its own unique species of giant tortoise.



The English economist **THOMAS MALTHUS** (1766–1834) wrote about the **STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE** in human populations, which influenced Darwin.



British academic **ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE** (1823–1913) sent his own **THEORY OF EVOLUTION** to Darwin, spurring Darwin on to publish his own work.

Medical marvels

The men who made MEDICINE modern

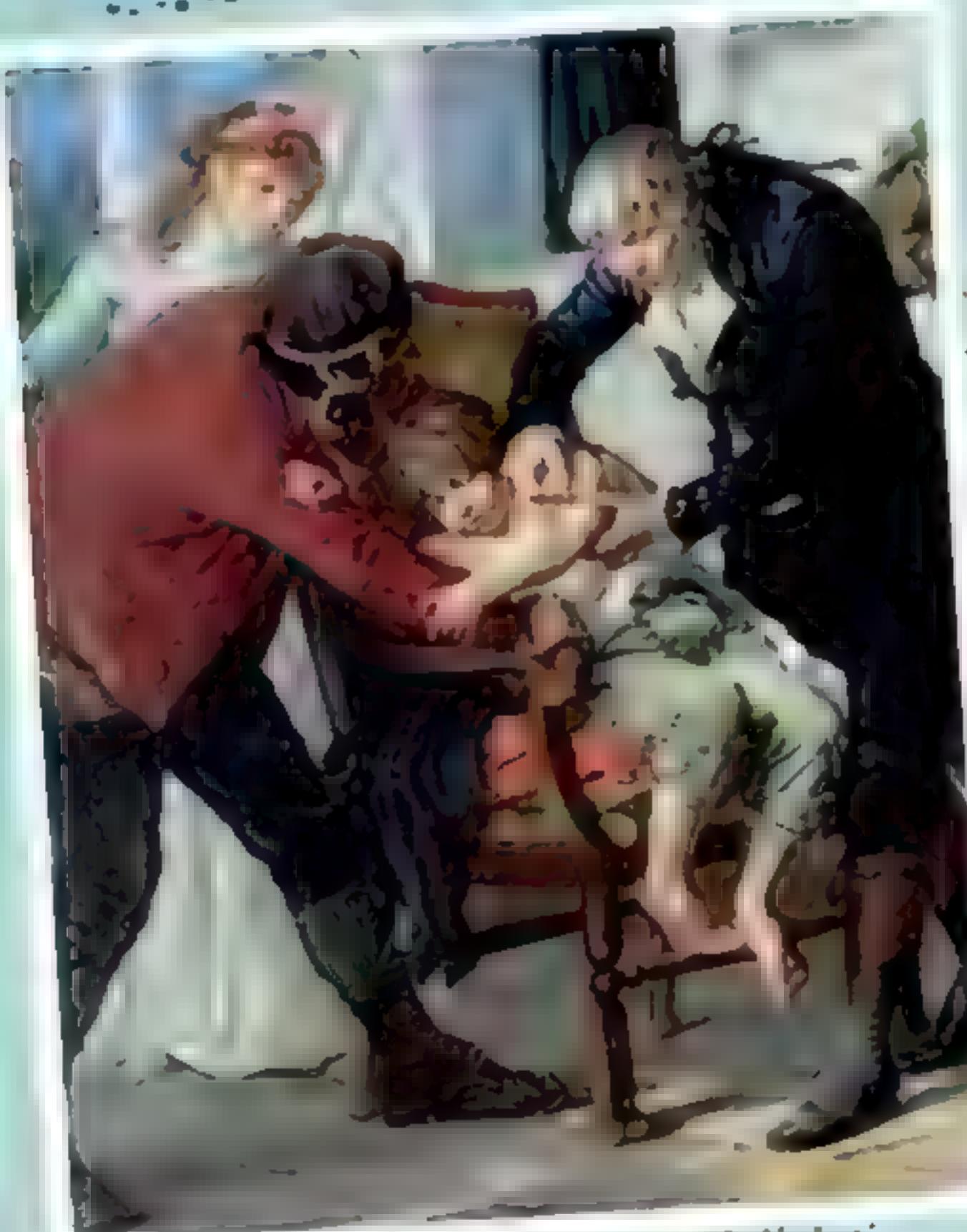
Not so long ago you were as likely to die from the treatment your doctor gave you as you were from the disease itself. These medical pioneers changed all that.

Did you know?

In Greece, Hippocrates (460–370 BCE) was the first person to say that diseases were not caused by evil spirits!

Edward Jenner (1749–1823)

In the 18th century, **smallpox**—a contagious disease that causes a serious rash—was **England's biggest killer**. Jenner had the idea that if people were given a weak dose of smallpox, their body would be prepared to fight off a stronger infection. Jenner had invented a smallpox **VACCINATION**, which has been saving lives ever since.



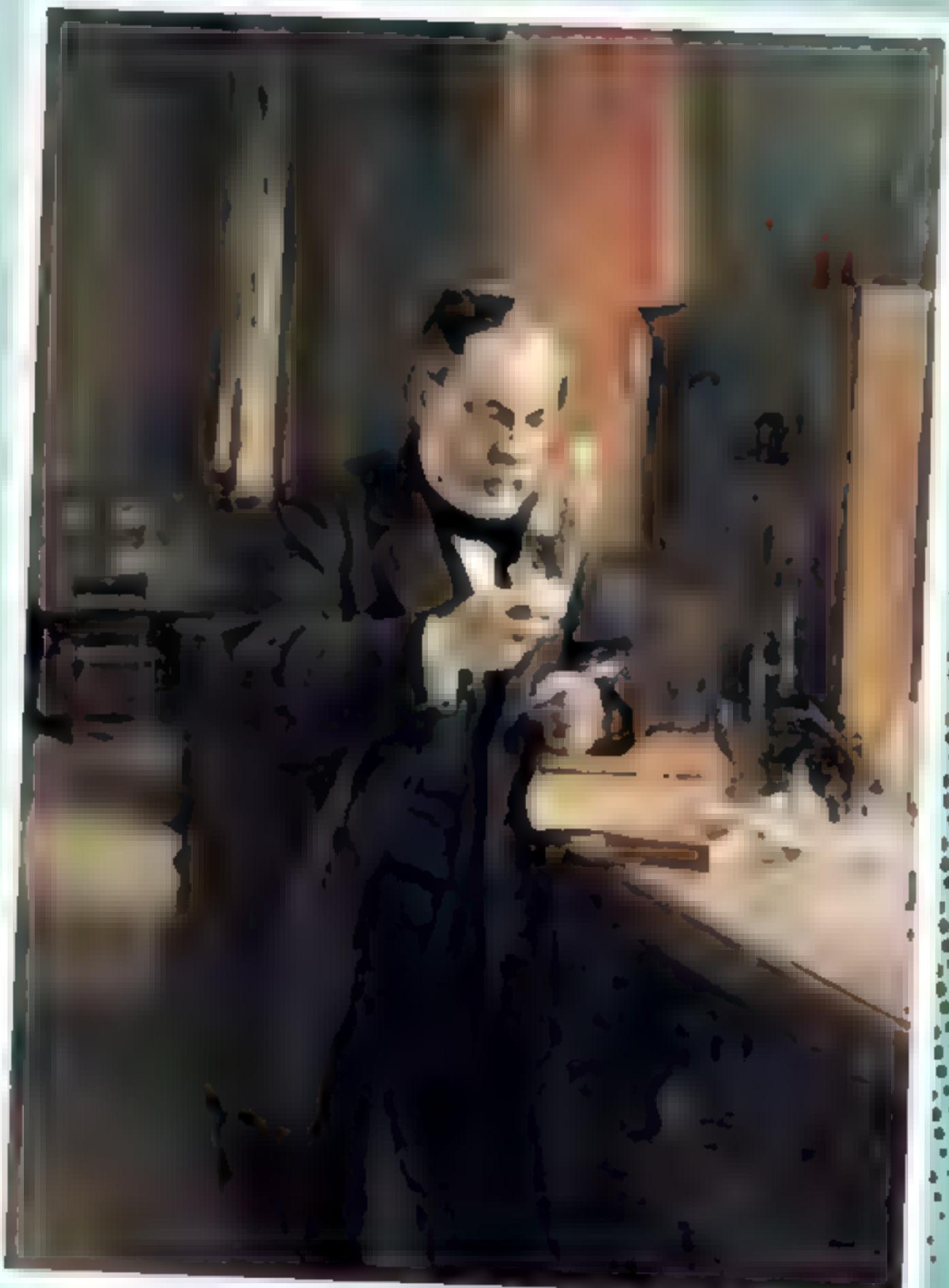
Bacteria are still the world's biggest killer

Louis Pasteur (1822–1895)

People used to think that **bacteria** were far too small to harm a human being. Pasteur was a French chemist who proved that—despite their tiny

size—bacteria actually cause lots of **nasty diseases**, such as cholera. He also showed that you could kill bacteria by boiling them—a method we call **PASTEURIZATION**.

The hypodermic syringe was invented in 1853 as a way of delivering drugs beneath the skin.

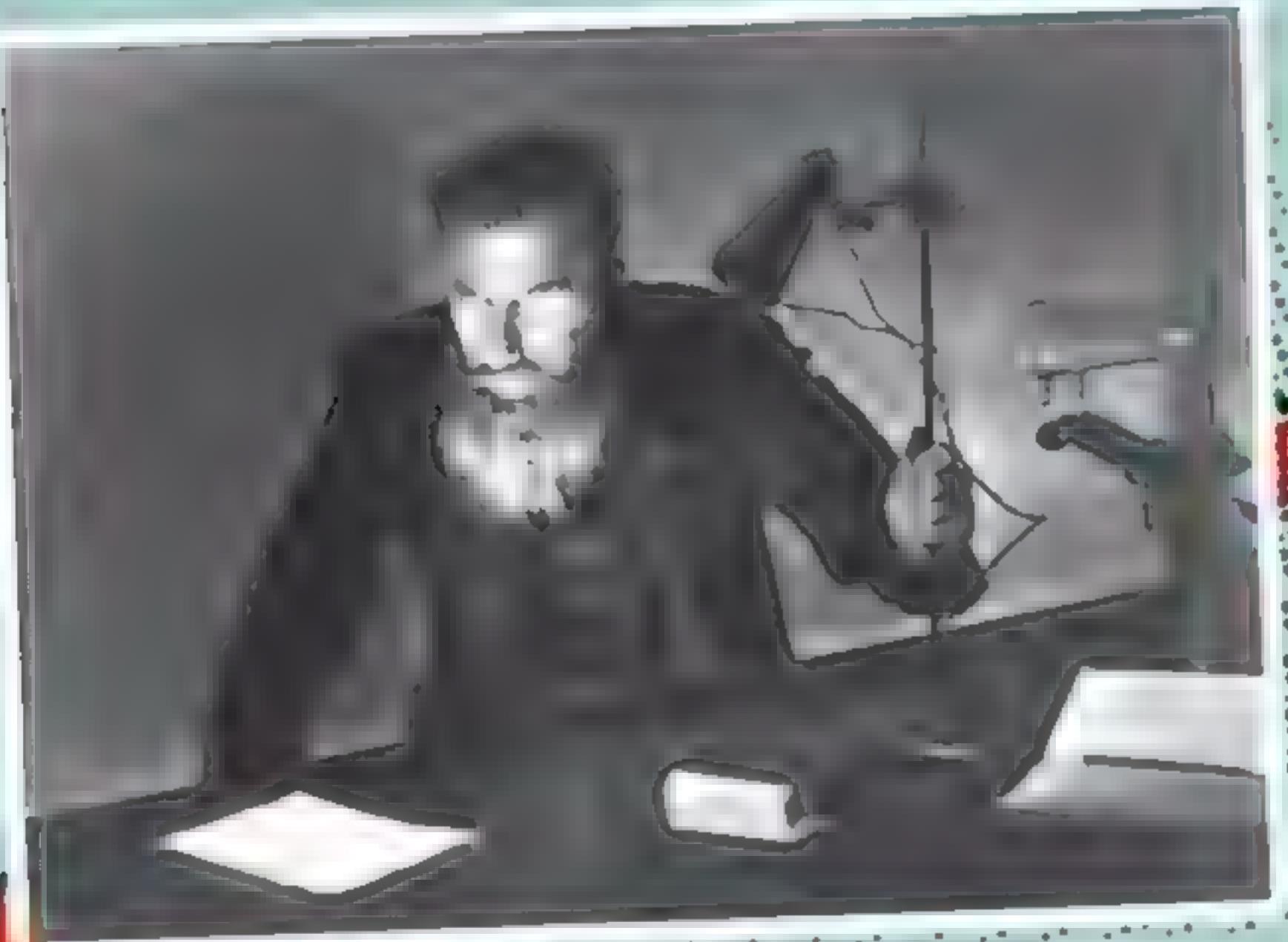


The earliest known surgery was performed as early as 10,000 BCE



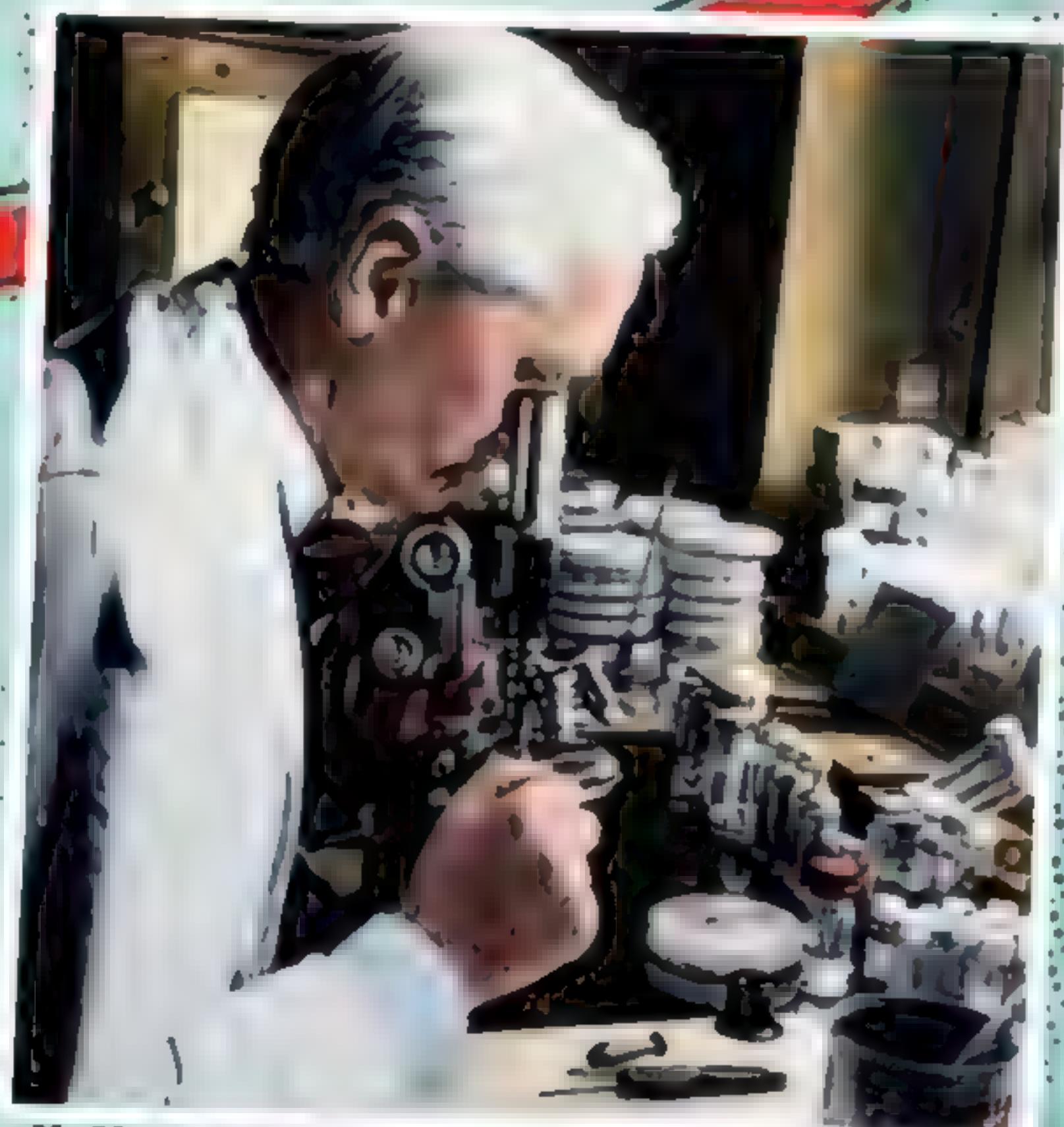
Joseph Lister (1827–1912)

In the 19th century, lots of people died after surgery. Lister was a British doctor who believed that this was because **germs** from **dirty equipment** and unwashed hands were infecting patients during an operation. He came up with the idea of sterilizing equipment and treating wounds with **ANTISEPTICS**, substances that prevent the growth of disease-creating microorganisms. Sterilization worked and, as a result, less people died after surgery.



Wilhelm Roentgen (1845–1923)

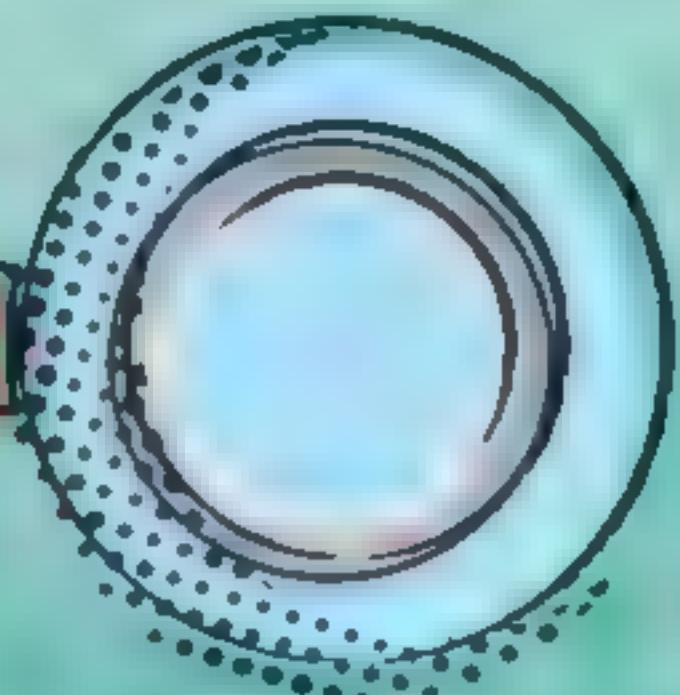
When the German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen was experimenting with passing electric currents through gases, he noticed something **very strange**. He had produced a mysterious form of radiation that seemed to pass through objects. Uncertain what he was dealing with, he called his discovery **X-RAYS**. Today, X-rays are used in medicine to **detect** everything from broken bones to various forms of cancer.



Alexander Fleming (1881–1955)

This Scottish doctor was growing bacteria on petri dishes when he noticed that some dishes had grown **moldy**. Before he threw out the dishes, he noticed that the mold seemed to have **killed** the bacteria he was growing. He called the substance **PENICILLIN**, and it was the very first antibiotic.

In 1816, the first stethoscope was made of rolled-up paper. Later it became a wooden tube.



Albert Einstein

The "father of modern PHYSICS"

Einstein is the world's most famous scientist. His theories changed forever the way we look at the Universe.

His most famous equation showed that mass (m) and energy (E) are interchangeable. Even a tiny piece of matter (such as a pea) contains **HUGE** amounts of energy locked within its atoms. The energy in the object is the same as its mass times the speed of light (c), squared.

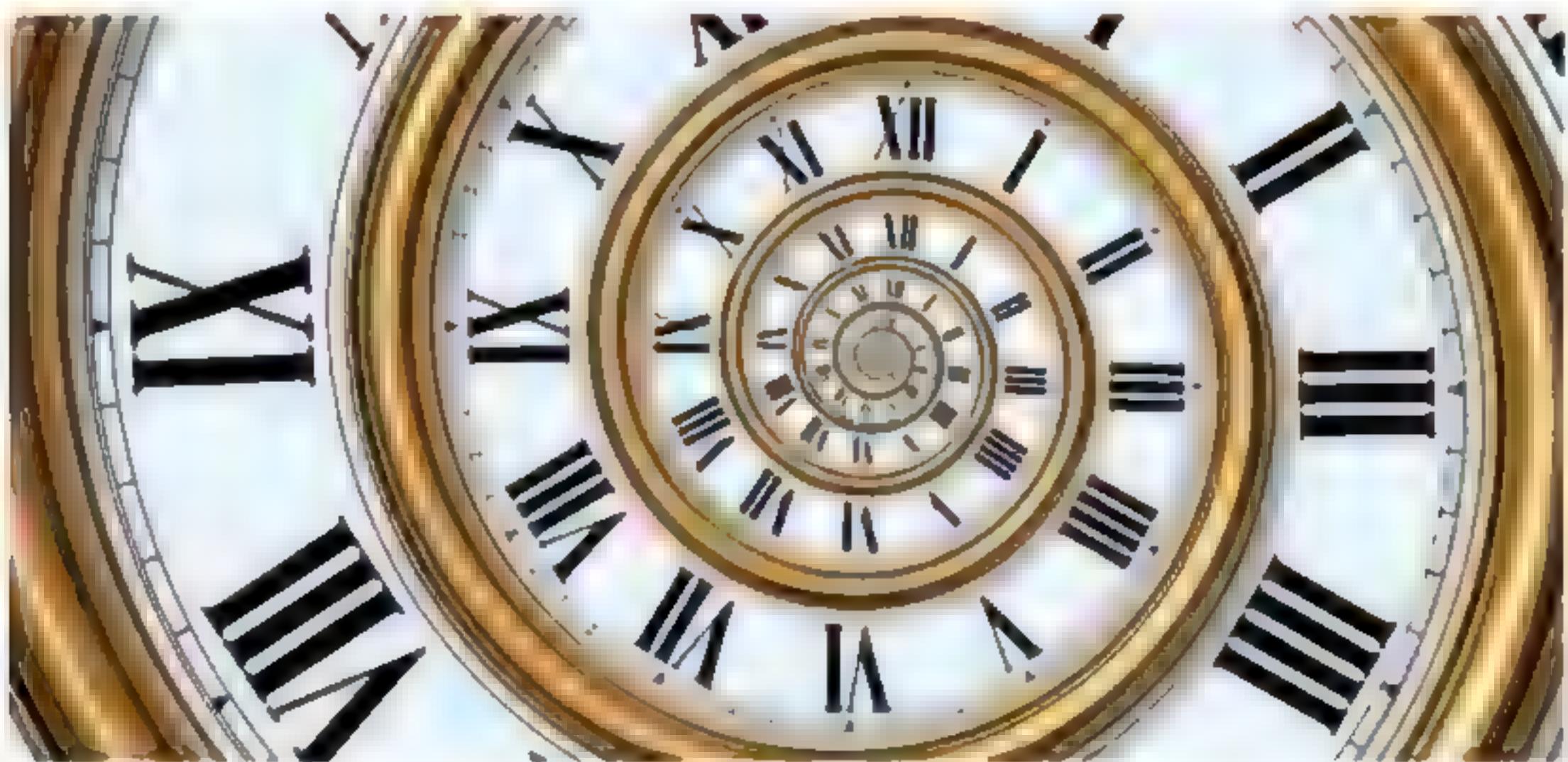
$$E = mc^2$$



Early years

Albert Einstein, pictured here with his younger sister, Maja, was born in 1879 in Ulm, Germany.

After school, he worked as a clerk in a **patent office** in Switzerland, checking applications for electrical devices. In his spare time, he developed radical theories about **LIGHT AND TIME**. In 1905, he published five scientific papers that would *change the world*.



Time warp

In his theory of **SPECIAL RELATIVITY**, Einstein showed the Universe is a pretty weird place. He suggested that **space and time are linked** and that they are flexible and can change, depending on who is looking at them. He explained that *the faster you travel, the slower time passes for you*, and that light has a speed limit of 186,000 miles (300,000 km) per second.

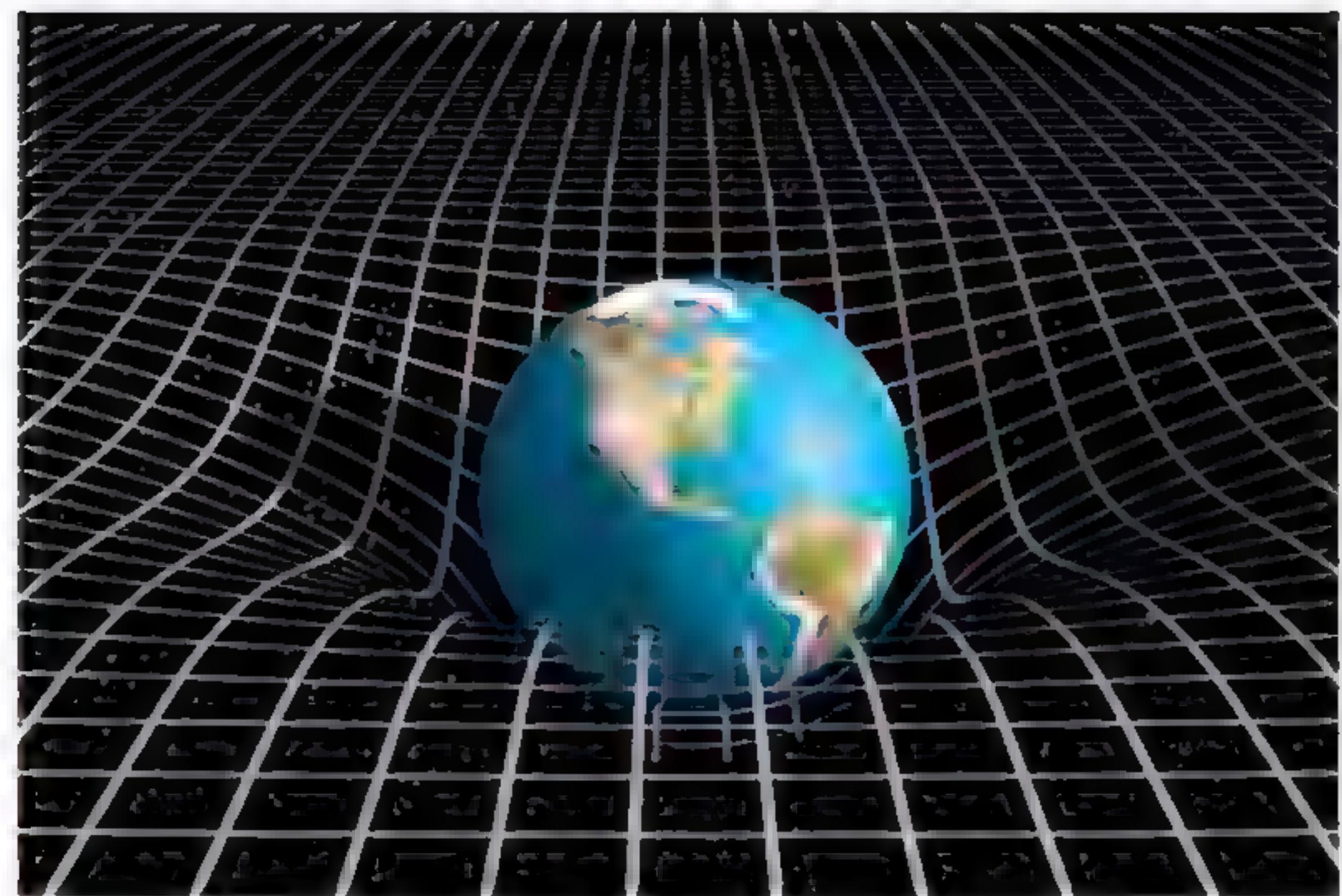
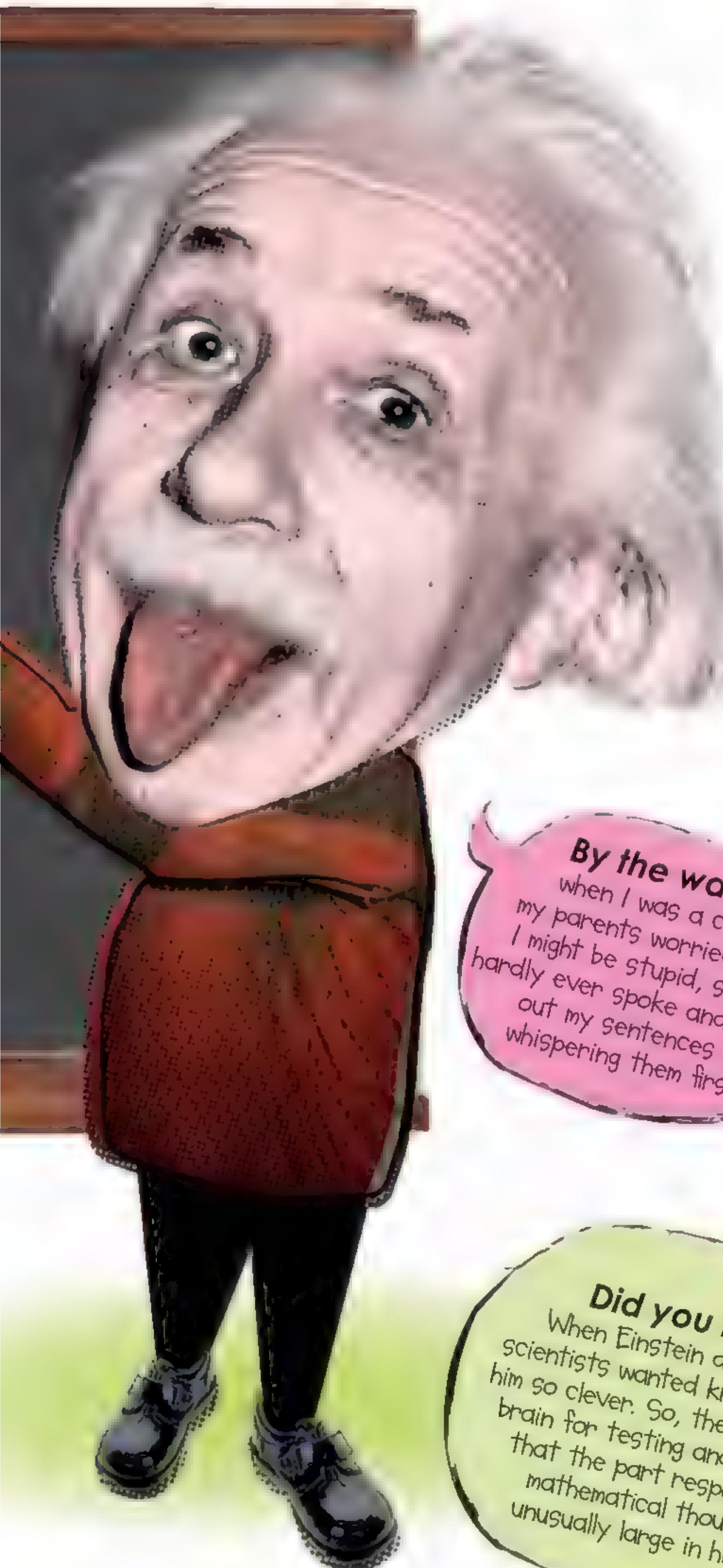
He paved the way for...



The first **NUCLEAR BOMB** went off in a massive explosion in 1945. It proved Einstein's $E=mc^2$ equation, and released the energy locked in atoms.



Einstein developed a theory of **LASERS**. These are used to read CDs, DVDs, and **BARCODES**... and are often seen in science fiction films!



Gravity and the Universe

Isaac Newton believed that gravity is the force of a big object attracting a smaller object. Einstein's theory of **GENERAL RELATIVITY** says that space and time are part of the same thing, which is called "**space-time**," and large objects—such as planets—cause this space-time to **bend**. Imagine a bowling ball placed on a sheet so that it causes the sheet to bend. Smaller objects wouldn't bend the sheet as much as the heavy ball, so they roll into the dent made by the bigger object. This is gravity.

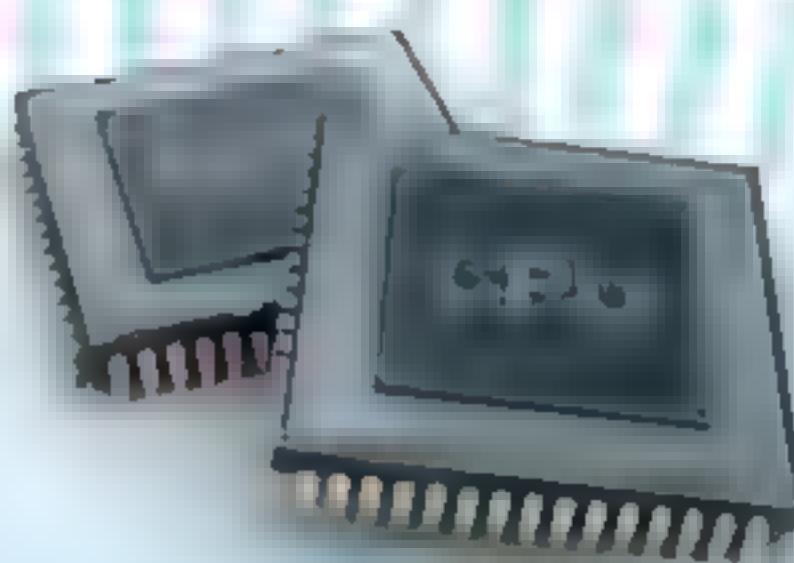
By the way...
when I was a child,
my parents worried that
I might be stupid, since I
hardly ever spoke and I tried
out my sentences by
whispering them first.

Did you know?
When Einstein died in 1955,
scientists wanted to know what made
him so clever. So, they took out his
brain for testing and discovered
that the part responsible for
mathematical thought was
unusually large in his brain.

Inspirational scientist
Einstein's ideas changed
physics and astronomy forever.
His theories paved the way for
decades of discovery, from the
smallest known particles, to
the largest questions about how
the Universe works. Einstein is
an icon of creativity and genius.



Knowledge of relativity means the
clocks on **GPS** (Global Positioning
System) satellites—used for guiding
car **SAT NAVS**—are set to be slow, so
they match clocks on the receivers.



Einstein was suspicious of
NIELS BOHR (1885–1962)
and his quantum mechanics
theory, which is essential
in making **MICROCHIPS** work.

Marie Curie

The woman who figured out **RADIOACTIVITY**, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and was also the first person to win two

All about me

- **BORN:** 1867
- **DIED:** 1934
- **NATIONALITY:** Polish
- **FACTOID:** My oldest daughter, Irene, also won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Born in Warsaw, Poland, I studied physics and mathematics in Paris, France. There I met Pierre Curie, who became my husband.



Radioactivity

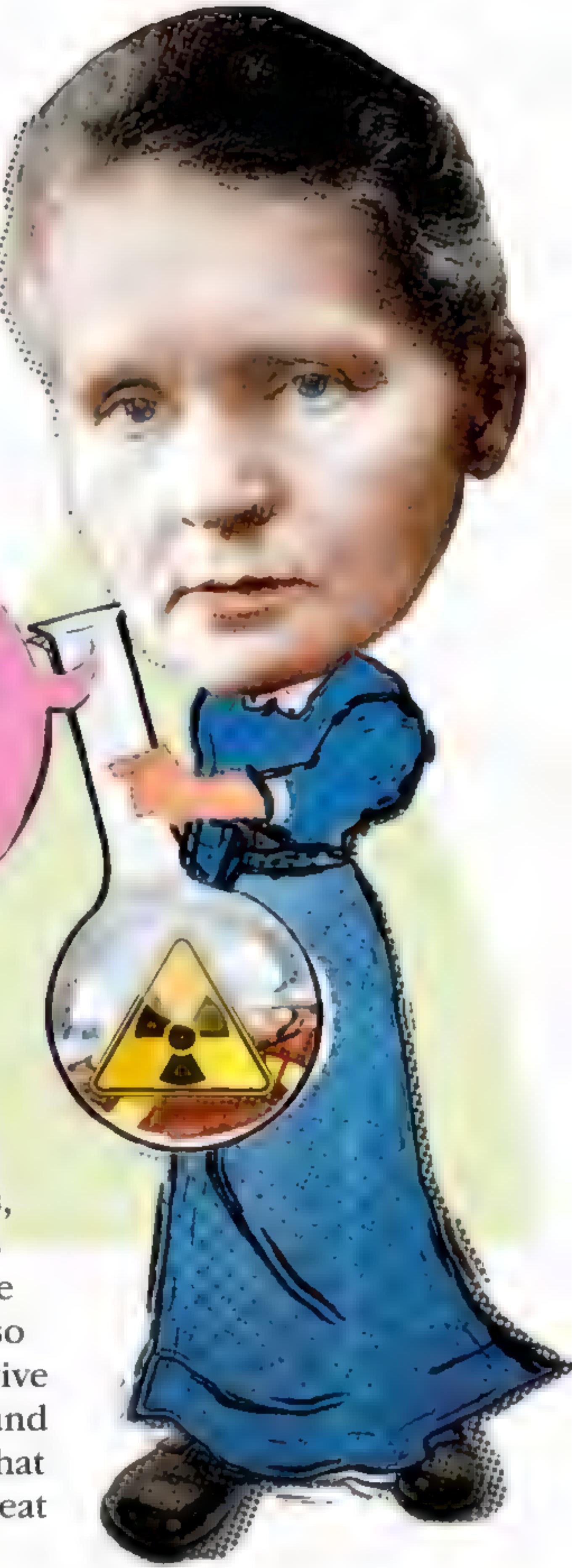
The Curies worked together to investigate **radioactivity**. Marie proved that the atoms of radioactive elements fire off **HIGH-ENERGY** particles, which we call radiation. This proved that atoms were more than just solid balls. They also discovered two new radioactive elements, called **polonium** and **radium**, and later realized that radiation could be used to treat diseases such as cancer.

The X-factor

Knowing that radioactive elements emit X-rays, Marie improved the **X-ray machines** used in hospitals. She created a new machine that was small enough to fit into ambulances and, during the **FIRST WORLD WAR**, her mobile X-ray units were used to diagnose soldiers who were too badly wounded to travel to a hospital.



By the way...
unaware of the dangers,
I died of aplastic anemia
(a blood disorder) due
to radiation exposure
from my own research.



During the war, Curie herself drove X-ray equipped ambulances to the front lines.

Ernest Rutherford

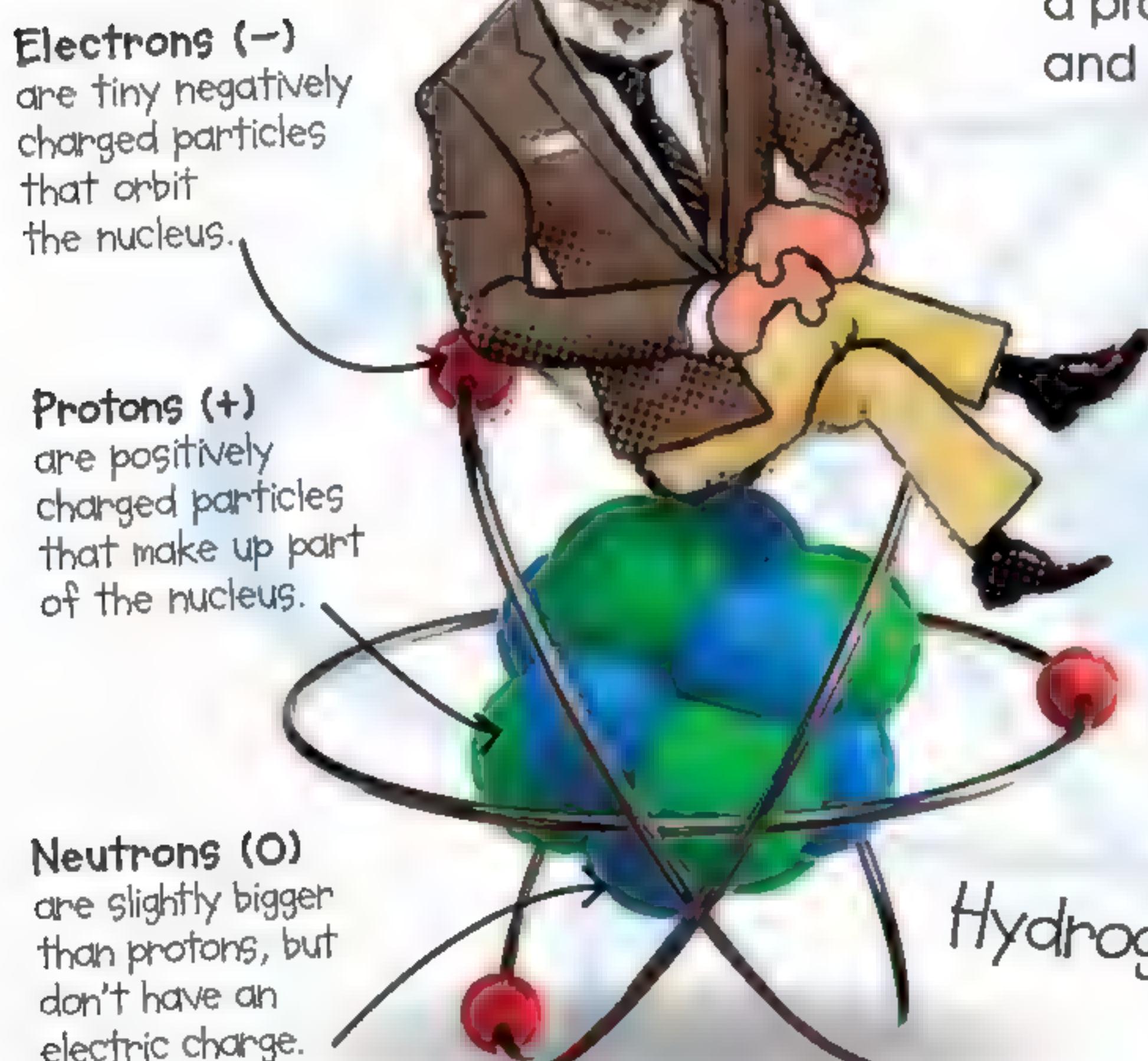
The man who discovered the structure of the ATOM, split it apart, and won a Nobel Prize in Chemistry

All about me

- BORN: 1871
- DIED: 1937
- NATIONALITY: New Zealander
- FACTOID: I am sometimes called "the father of nuclear physics."
- IN A NUTSHELL: Born in New Zealand, I became a professor of physics at McGill University in Canada and investigated the new discovery of radioactivity.

Particle puzzle

After Marie Curie proved that **atoms** weren't just solid balls, Rutherford figured out that most of an atom's mass is at its center, or **NUCLEUS**, and the rest of the atom is actually made up mostly of empty space. He also realized that the nucleus is made up of smaller particles, called **protons** and **neutrons**, surrounded by a cloud of tiny particles called **electrons**.



Splitting the atom

Rutherford discovered that an atom's nucleus could be **smashed apart** if it is struck by another high-energy particle (like billiard balls smashing together). Using a radioactive source to fire particles at an atom, he found that impact knocked the protons out of the nucleus and **split** the atom. Rutherford had created a new science—**NUCLEAR PHYSICS**.



Watson and Crick

The guys who UNCOVERED the secret of life

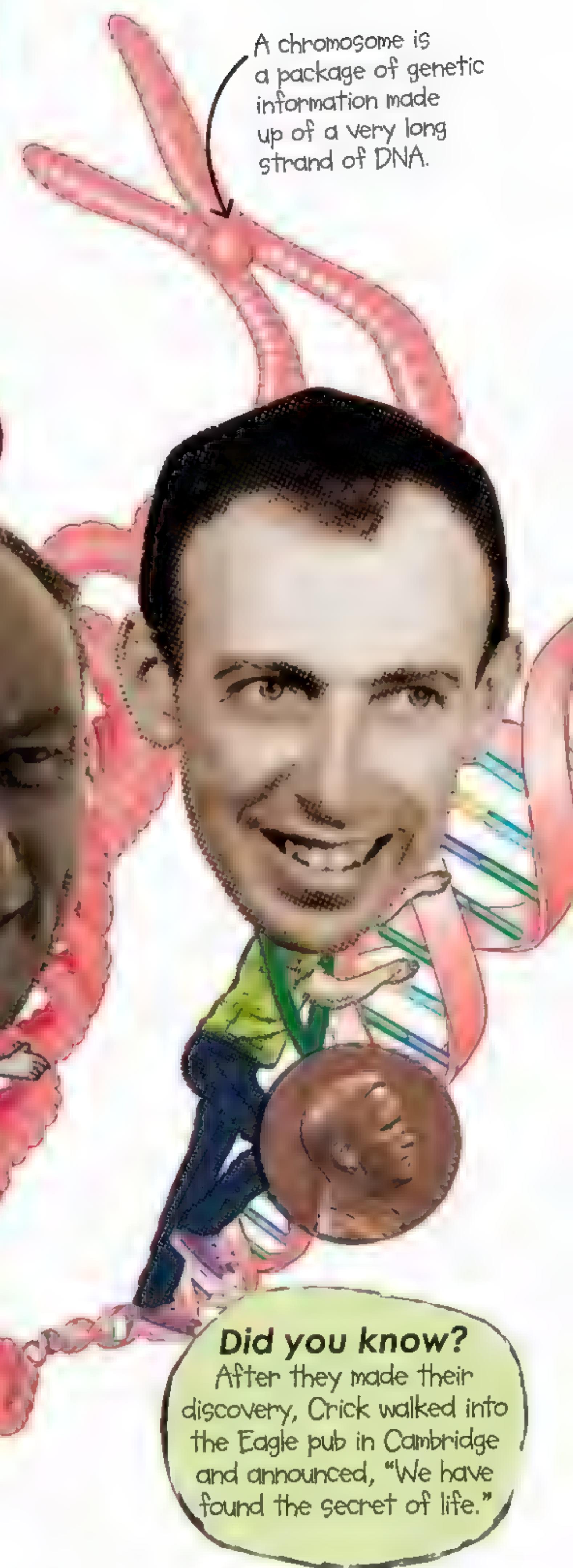
Watson and Crick were the first to uncover the double helix structure of DNA and unravel what makes us tick.

The dynamic duo

Francis Crick was born in 1916 near Northampton, England. He studied physics, but changed to biology and got a job at *Cambridge University*.

James Watson was born in 1928 in Chicago. He wanted to study ornithology (the study of birds), but changed his mind and took **genetics**. He moved to Cambridge University in 1951, where he met Crick. Watson and Crick worked together on studying the **STRUCTURE OF DNA**.

By the way...
until we came along, scientists knew DNA carried genes from one generation to the next, but they didn't know how—or what DNA looked like.



Did you know?

After they made their discovery, Crick walked into the Eagle pub in Cambridge and announced, "We have found the secret of life."

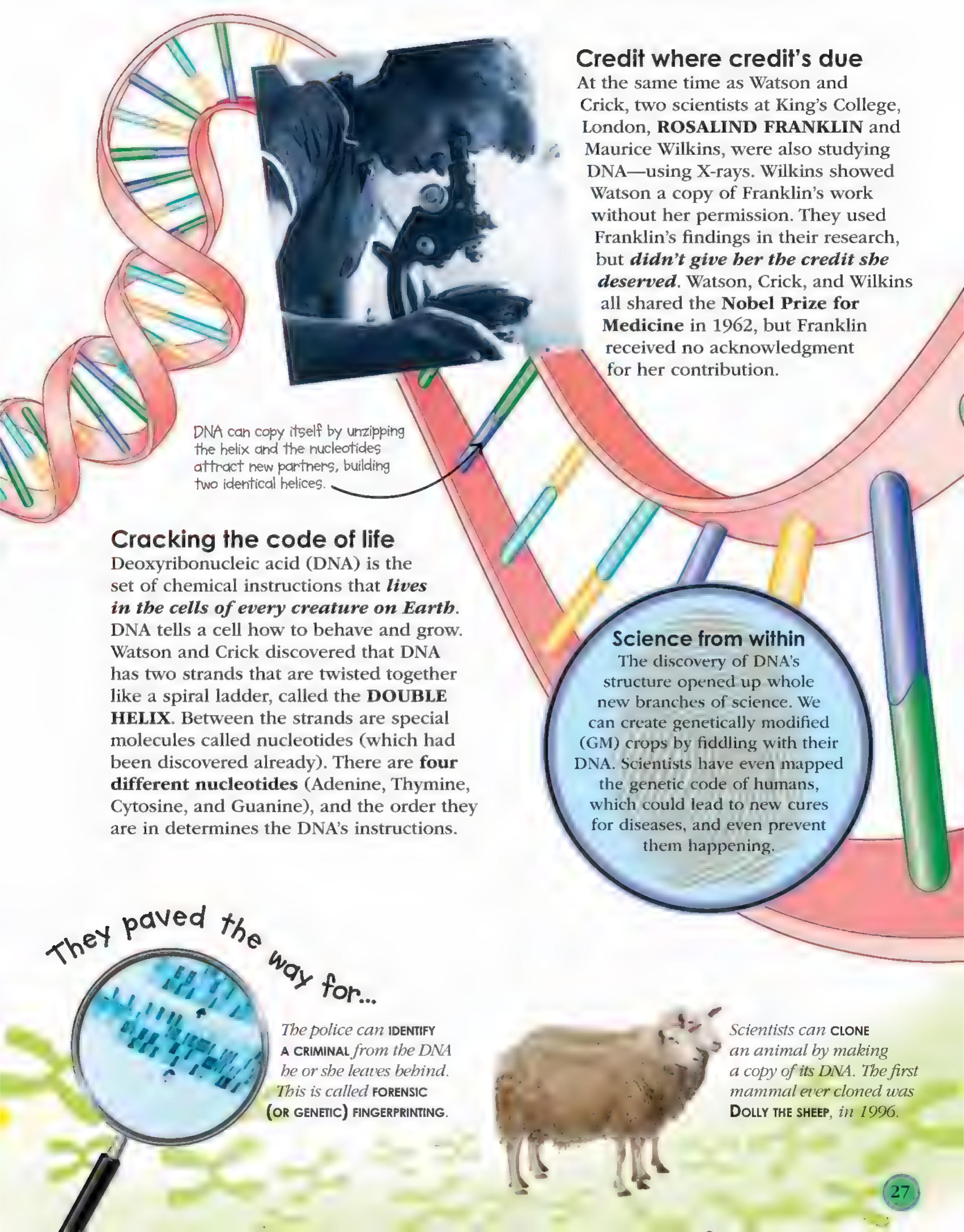
They couldn't have done it without...



GREGOR MENDEL (1822–1884)
started the **SCIENCE OF GENETICS**.
He studied peas and discovered they passed on certain traits to their offspring.



FRIEDRICH MIESCHER (1844–1895)
discovered that cells contain **NUCLEIC ACIDS**, which paved the way for the discovery of DNA, a nucleic acid.



Credit where credit's due

At the same time as Watson and Crick, two scientists at King's College, London, **ROSALIND FRANKLIN** and Maurice Wilkins, were also studying DNA—using X-rays. Wilkins showed Watson a copy of Franklin's work without her permission. They used Franklin's findings in their research, but *didn't give her the credit she deserved*. Watson, Crick, and Wilkins all shared the **Nobel Prize for Medicine** in 1962, but Franklin received no acknowledgment for her contribution.

Cracking the code of life

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is the set of chemical instructions that *lives in the cells of every creature on Earth*. DNA tells a cell how to behave and grow. Watson and Crick discovered that DNA has two strands that are twisted together like a spiral ladder, called the **DOUBLE HELIX**. Between the strands are special molecules called nucleotides (which had been discovered already). There are **four different nucleotides** (Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, and Guanine), and the order they are in determines the DNA's instructions.

DNA can copy itself by unzipping the helix and the nucleotides attract new partners, building two identical helices.

Science from within

The discovery of DNA's structure opened up whole new branches of science. We can create genetically modified (GM) crops by fiddling with their DNA. Scientists have even mapped the genetic code of humans, which could lead to new cures for diseases, and even prevent them happening.

They paved the way for...

The police can **IDENTIFY** a criminal from the DNA he or she leaves behind. This is called **FORENSIC (OR GENETIC) FINGERPRINTING**.

Scientists can **CLONE** an animal by making a copy of its DNA. The first mammal ever cloned was **DOLLY THE SHEEP**, in 1996.

Mary Anning

The FOSSIL hunter who found dinosaur bones beneath her feet, and changed our view of evolution

All about me

- BORN: 1799
- DIED: 1847
- NATIONALITY: English
- FACTOID: As a baby, I survived being struck by lightning.
- IN A NUTSHELL: I was born in Lyme Regis, England, an area that is very famous for its fossils.



Fearsome fossils

Mary spent most of her time searching Lyme Regis beach for FOSSILS with her brother, Joseph. When she was 12, Joseph found the first fossil *ichthyosaur* (above) and Mary excavated it. Mary discovered the first almost complete *plesiosaur* and the first *pterosaur* outside of Germany. She even found a fish that was the **missing link** between sharks and rays.



Evolution revolution

Mary made her **discoveries** at a time when most people believed the biblical creation story, stating that God created everything as it is today. The spectacular creatures that Mary uncovered, like the plesiosaur, were so **unlike anything still alive today** that they forced scientists to accept that the natural world changed gradually over time. Her work helped to guide science toward the **THEORY OF EVOLUTION**.

All about me

- **BORN:** 1913
- **DIED:** 1996
- **NATIONALITY:** English
- **FACTOID:** I developed a new system for classifying ancient stone tools.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Born in London, England, I spent most of my life searching for human fossils and artefacts in Africa.

Hunting hominins

Mary had an amazing ability to find fossil **hominins** (ancient relatives of today's humans). In 1959, in the Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania, she found the **SKULL** of a human ancestor she nicknamed the "Nutcracker Man," since he had huge jaws and teeth. Later, she found the skull and hand of a species she called "handy-man," which was very closely related to modern humans.



The Laetoli fossilized footprints are more than 3.75 million years old.

A step ahead

Mary's most exciting discovery, in 1978, was a set of ancient **FOOTPRINTS** in Laetoli, Tanzania. They showed that humans began walking upright much **earlier** than scientists had thought. Mary is seen as one of the world's best **archaeologists**, scientists who specialize in unearthing the past. Her discoveries revealed a lot about where humans first came from.

Mary Leakey

The woman who found the **SKELETONS** in mankind's closet, and showed us where humans came from



"Nutcracker Man" lived in Africa around 1.75 million years ago.

By the way...
my obsession with early humans began when my dad took me to see cave paintings in France when I was 12.

Inspirational





inventors

Without these bright sparks, your daily life would be very different. You wouldn't be writing on paper, or traveling by car. In fact, you wouldn't be reading this book. Imagine life without phones, jeans, planes, TV, Facebook, and fast food. Sure, life would go on, but these ingenious inventors have made the world a much more high-tech, versatile, and exciting place to be.

All about me

- **BORN:** 50
- **DIED:** 121
- **NATIONALITY:** Chinese
- **FACTOID:** I was an official in the court of Emperor He of Han.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Born in Guiyang (modern-day Leiyang), China, I was made an official in charge of manufacturing instruments and weapons.

Cai Lun

The man who mashed up tree bark, created PAPER, and changed the world of writing



A little heavy reading

Before the invention of paper, reading was a heavyweight pastime. Civilizations, such as the Mesopotamians, wrote on heavy **clay tablets**. In China, books were made of **bamboo**, which wasn't very flexible, or from very expensive silk. In the West at that time, people were still making notes on wax tablets and using papyrus or **ANIMAL SKINS** to write on.

Paper didn't get to Europe until the 12th century

A barking idea

In 105, Cai invented paper. He took the soft inner bark of a **mulberry tree**, added bamboo fibers, and mixed in some water. He **GAVE THE MIXTURE A GOOD POUNDING**, poured it out over some woven cloth, and let the water drain away. When it was dry, only the fibers were left behind... and Cai had a sheet of paper! The invention of paper allowed *ideas and knowledge to be spread much faster*.



Paper was made in huge sheets and then cut down to size.



All about me

- BORN: 1398
- DIED: 1468
- NATIONALITY: German
- FACTOID: I was a printer and publisher.
- IN A NUTSHELL: Born in Mainz, Germany, I invented the printing press—one of the most important inventions of the modern era.

Johann Gutenberg

The man who helped put a **BOOK** in everyone's hands, and opened up reading to the masses

Secret experiments

Gutenberg **enjoyed reading** and thought it was a pity that only rich people could afford to buy books. In a **secret workshop** he experimented with individual, movable letters, and new oil-based inks. For his printing press, he adapted the presses that were for winemaking at the time. In 1454, he was successful, and he printed his landmark book, the **GUTENBERG BIBLE**.

Gutenberg's first Bible cost about three years' wages at the time... they got cheaper.



Gutenberg experimented with wooden type, but ended up using metal letters because they didn't smudge.

Reading revolution

News of Gutenberg's innovation **soon spread around Europe** and, before he died, presses like his were at work in all Europe's great cities. The printing press allowed ideas and information to spread like never before, so that everyone, rich or poor, could **ENJOY READING**.

By the way...
my secretive work left some of my neighbors believing I was a wizard who had secret meetings with the devil!

James Watt

The inventor whose engine
STEAMED ahead

James Watt didn't invent the steam engine, but his changes made it cheaper to run. His engines powered the Industrial Revolution and changed the world forever.

Young engineer

James Watt was born in Greenock, Scotland, in 1736. The son of a wealthy ship-builder, Watt started off building and repairing mathematical instruments at the University of Glasgow, but quickly took an interest in steam engines.

Hot talent

The first commercially successful **steam engine** was built in 1712 by the English inventor Thomas

Newcomen as a way to pump water. Watt noticed that these

engines wasted a lot of fuel because the cylinder had to be repeatedly heated and cooled,

which required **A LOT OF ENERGY**. In 1769, Watt designed a new engine where the cylinder

stayed hot—it was far more efficient, using just a quarter of the fuel of the old design.



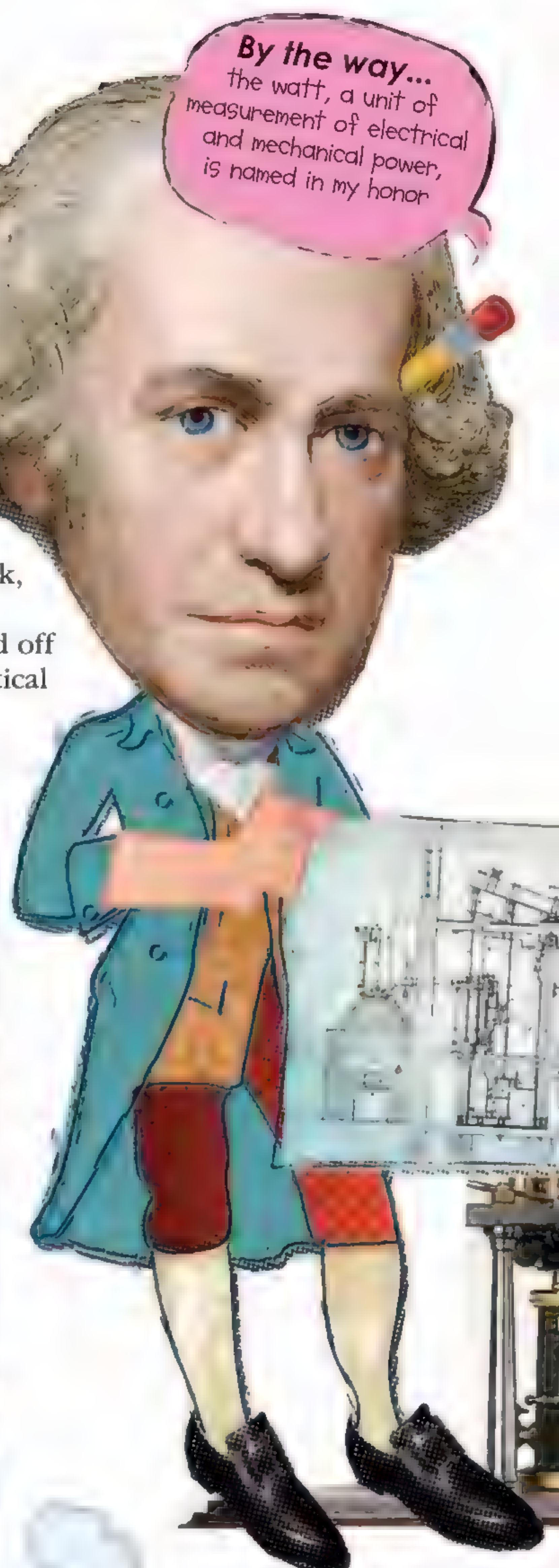
He paved the way for...



Watt's engine was improved by English engineer **RICHARD TREVITHICK** (1771–1833) who used it to build the first **STEAM TRAIN** in 1804.



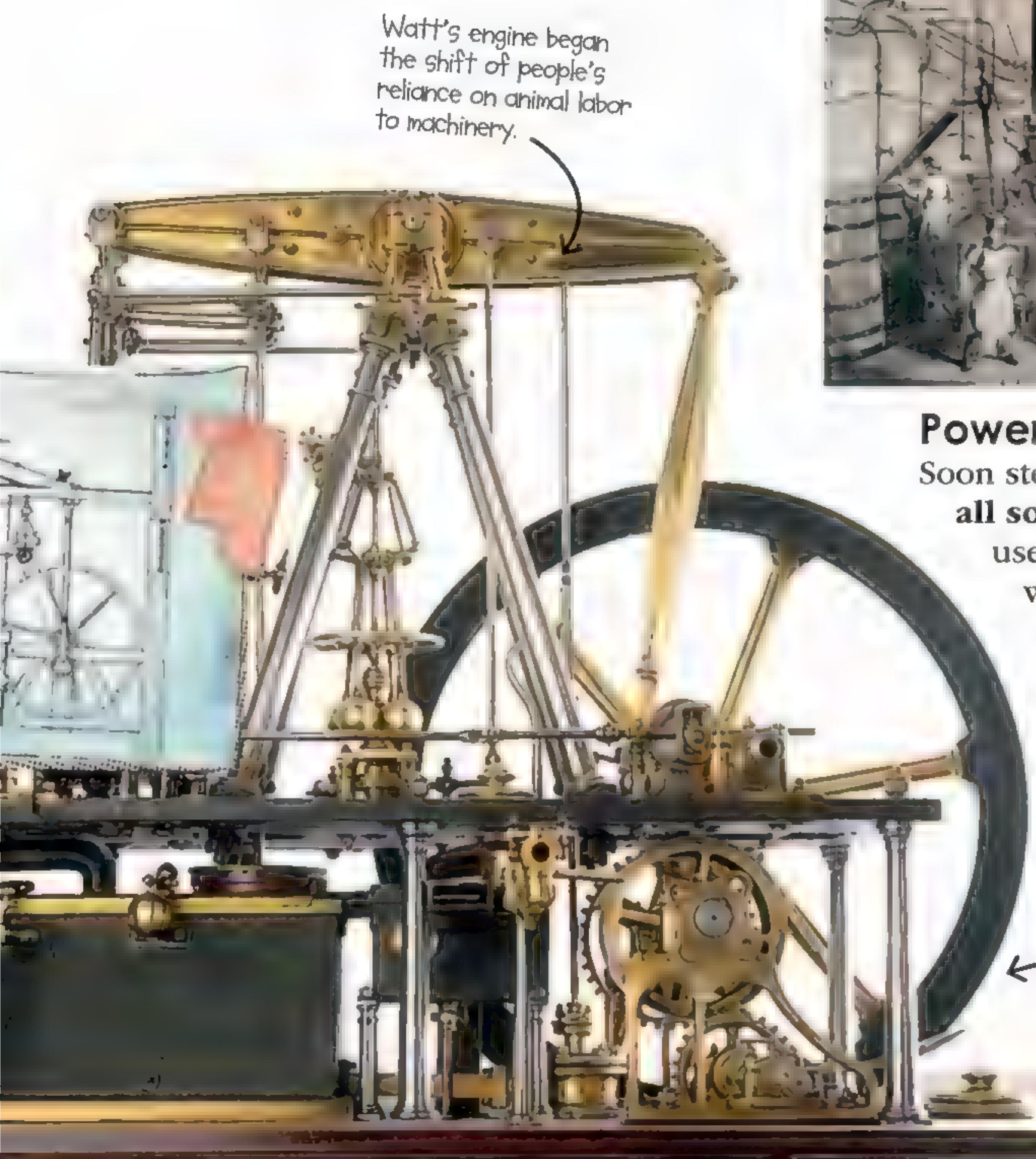
By the way...
the watt, a unit of measurement of electrical and mechanical power, is named in my honor



In 1829, English inventor **GEORGE STEPHENSON** (1741–1848) built the most advanced train of its day, the **ROCKET**, and the first public train line.

Steaming ahead

Up until Watt made his changes, the steam engine was used mainly to **pump water** from mines. Knowing that his new engine could be used for so much more, Watt took on a business partner called Matthew Boulton (1728–1829) to help market it. With Boulton's help, **IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS**, and, by 1783, it had almost completely replaced the old Newcomen model.



Watt on Earth

Watt's engine designs were the driving force behind decades of social and economic change that are still being felt today. However, apart from the steam engine, Watt also invented the process of manufacturing chlorine on a large scale, for use in bleaching.



Power to the people

Soon steam engines were being used to power **all sorts of machinery**. Watt's engines were used to pump drinking water, drive water wheels, turn mills, and drain docks. His engine provided the power that drove the **INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION**, when people began to rely on machinery. This led to a period of rapid urban growth, and soon many people **abandoned the countryside** and moved into cities.

Watt came up with the term "horsepower" to explain how much work his steam engines could do.

In 1884, English engineer CHARLES PARSONS (1854–1931) developed the first steam turbine. Ten years later, the first steam turbine-powered ship, the TURBINIA was built.



Steam turbines are at the heart of every modern-day POWER PLANT. The turbines are used to convert the steam power into electricity.

Alessandro Volta

The man who gave the world its first BATTERY and unlocked the secrets of electricity

All about me

- **BORN:** 1745
- **DIED:** 1827
- **NATIONALITY:** Italian
- **FACTOID:** I discovered methane gas.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I was born in Como, Italy. I was a professor of experimental physics and I spent most of my life studying electricity.

Getting a leg up

In 1786, an Italian anatomist, Luigi Galvani, discovered he could make a frog's leg twitch when he **pressed steel rods against it**. Volta realized that the wet leg caused an **ELECTRIC CURRENT** to run between the steel rods and the tin plate beneath the frog. The key to this was the **two different metals**.



When Volta demonstrated his device to Napoleon, he made Volta a count.

The voltaic pile was the forerunner of modern batteries.

Volta's battery

Volta tried to recreate the effect in his own way. In 1800, he used **disks of copper and zinc** for the different metals and, to replace the frog's leg, he used cardboard soaked in salt water. When he stacked them up in layers, **electricity flowed through the pile**. Volta called the device a "voltaic pile." He had just **INVENTED THE BATTERY**.



By the way...
my name is on every battery. The amount of electrical potential a battery has is measured in "volts" (named after me).

All about me

- BORN: 1791
- DIED: 1867
- NATIONALITY: English
- FACTOID: My face has been on the £20 note.
- IN A NUTSHELL: I was born near London, England. My father was a blacksmith, and I had very little formal education.

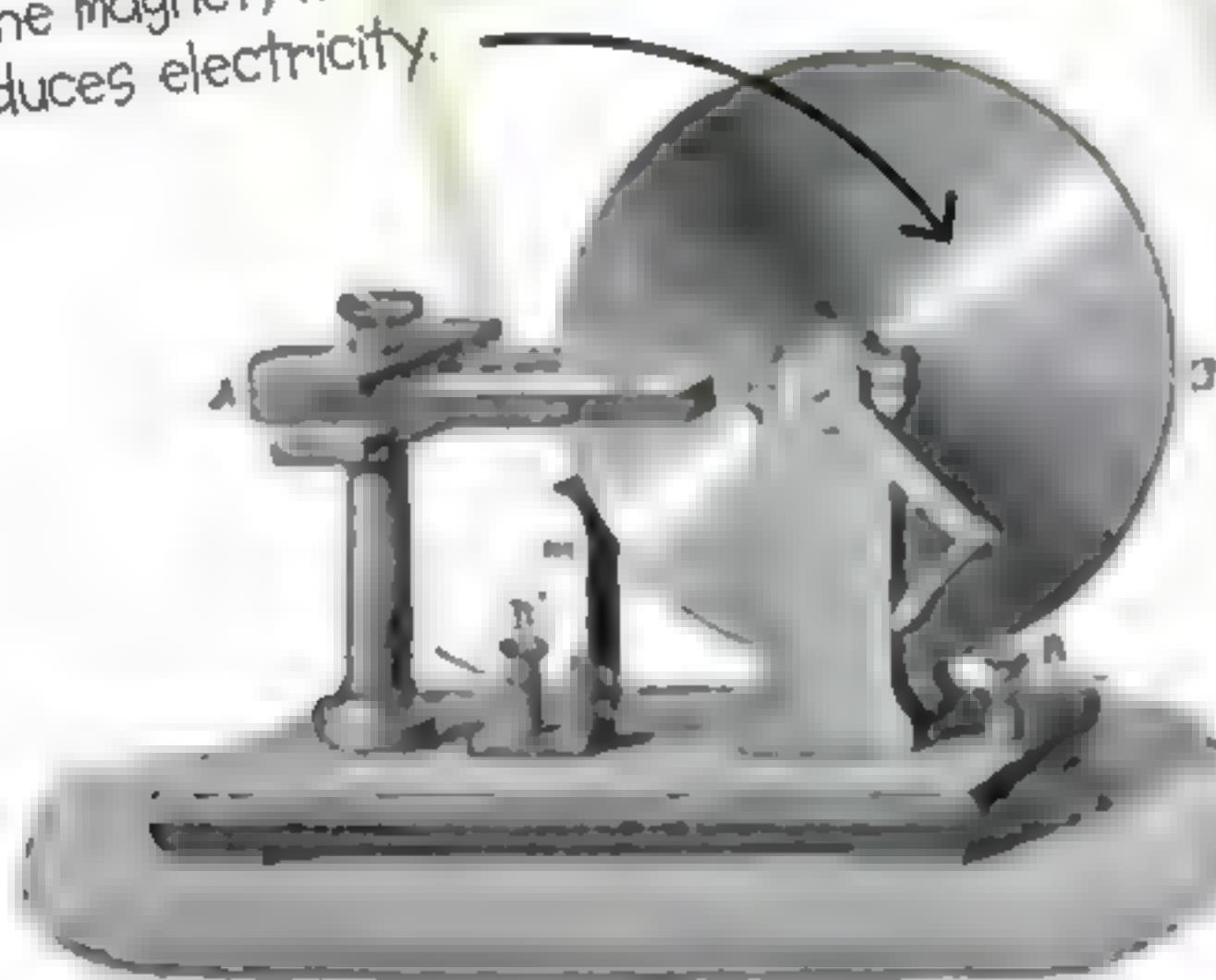
Michael Faraday

The man who invented the electric MOTOR and the electric generator

A notion of motion

In 1821, Faraday showed that when you flow electricity through a coil of wire, it creates a **magnetic field**. He realized that this electromagnetic energy could be used to produce **motion**, and invented the **ELECTRIC MOTOR**, which is still used in countless ways today.

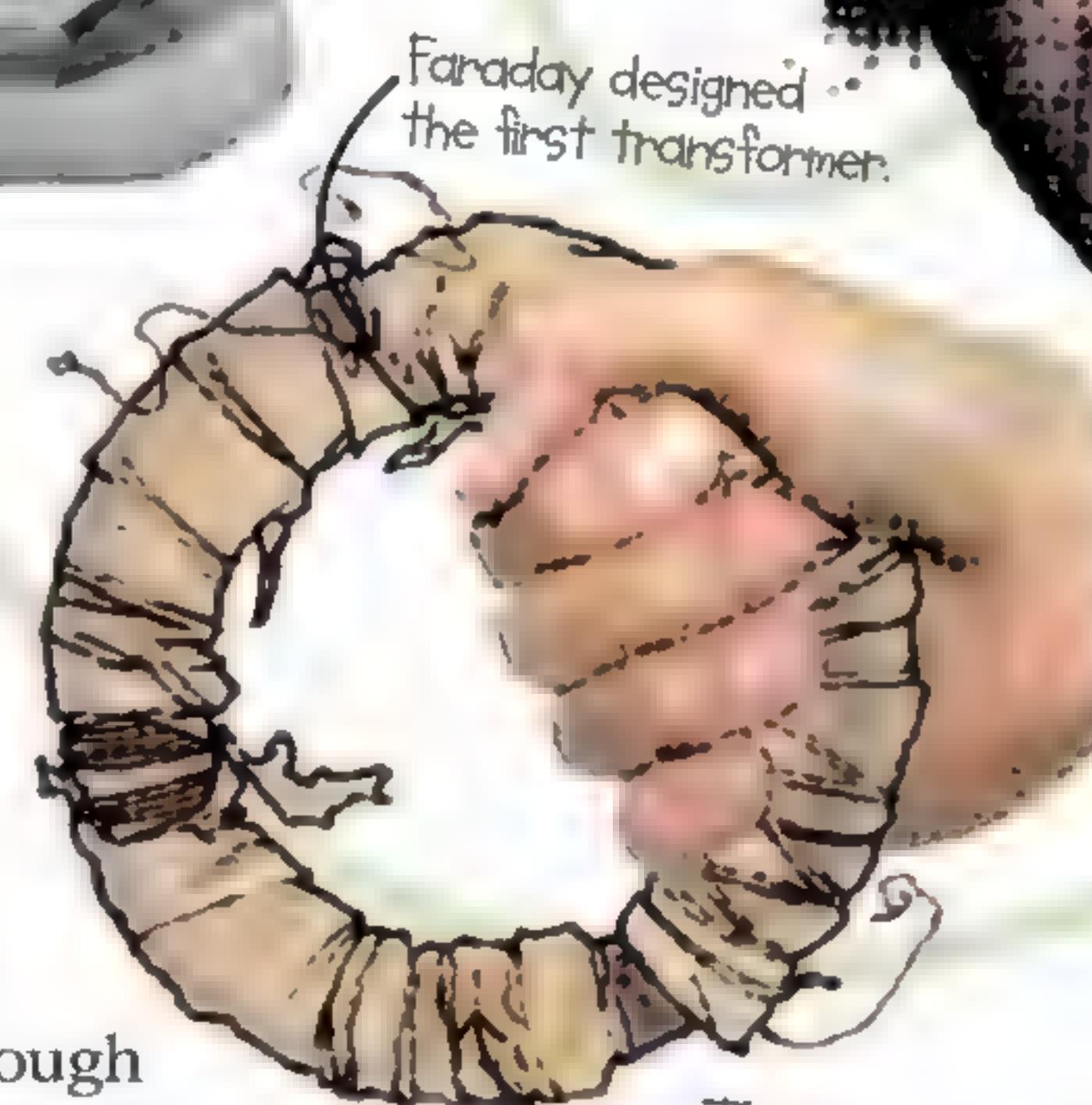
When a copper disk is spun past the poles of the magnet, it produces electricity.



All in a spin

Faraday continued to experiment with magnetism, and, in 1831, he realized that if he **reversed his process** he could produce an electrical current. By spinning a copper disk between the poles of a magnet, he could **generate a steady flow of electricity** through a wire. Faraday had invented the first **DYNAMO** (pictured above), which would eventually become the electric generator.

By the way...
I discovered that a metal "Faraday" cage can protect whatever is inside from a huge electric current, by conducting it safely around the cage.



These are now used to turn high voltages into low ones that are safe enough to use in our homes.



Everyday inventions

INVENTING stuff we can't live without

Every so often, someone comes along and invents something that makes us wonder how we ever did without it. Here are the people behind some of those "must have" inventions.



Vulcanized rubber is tough, flexible, and durable, making it perfect for tires

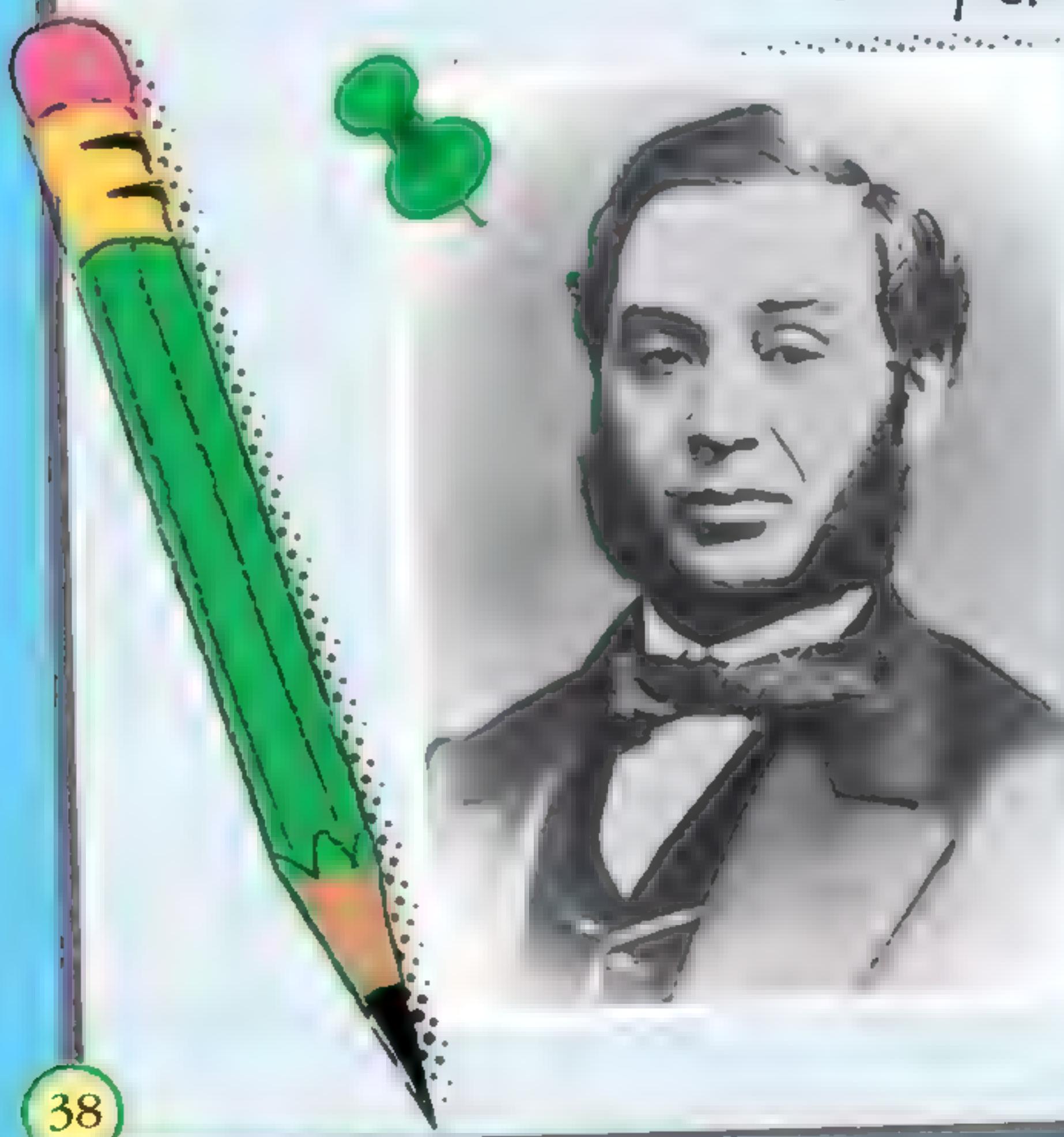


Charles Goodyear (1800–1860)

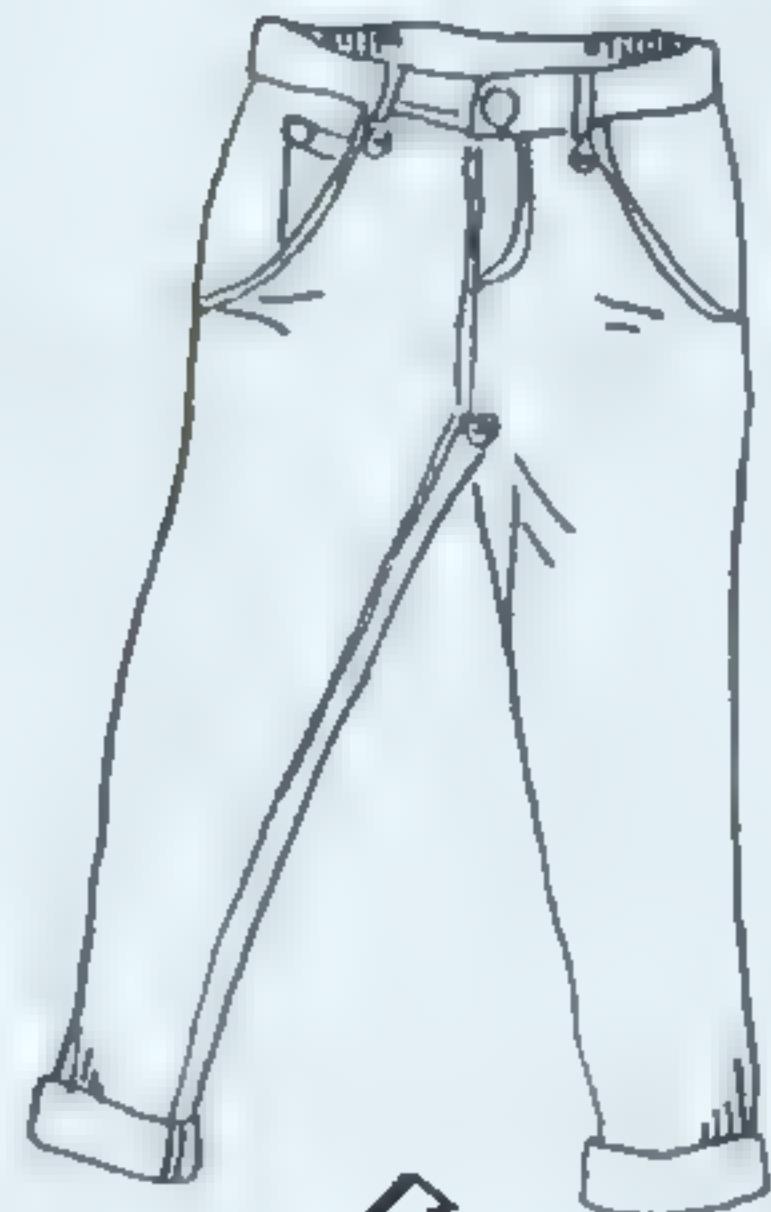
If your car's tires were made of natural rubber, they would **melt in the summer** and **freeze in the winter**... pretty useless. Fortunately, this American inventor worked out how to **VULCANIZE** (harden) rubber by **beating** it and mixing it with chemicals.

Levi Strauss (1829–1902)

Can you imagine Elvis wearing corduroy? An American tailor named Jacob Davis started **putting metal rivets on work trousers** to give them **extra strength**. His business partner, a German named Levi Strauss, patented, produced, and promoted the new "**JEANS**."

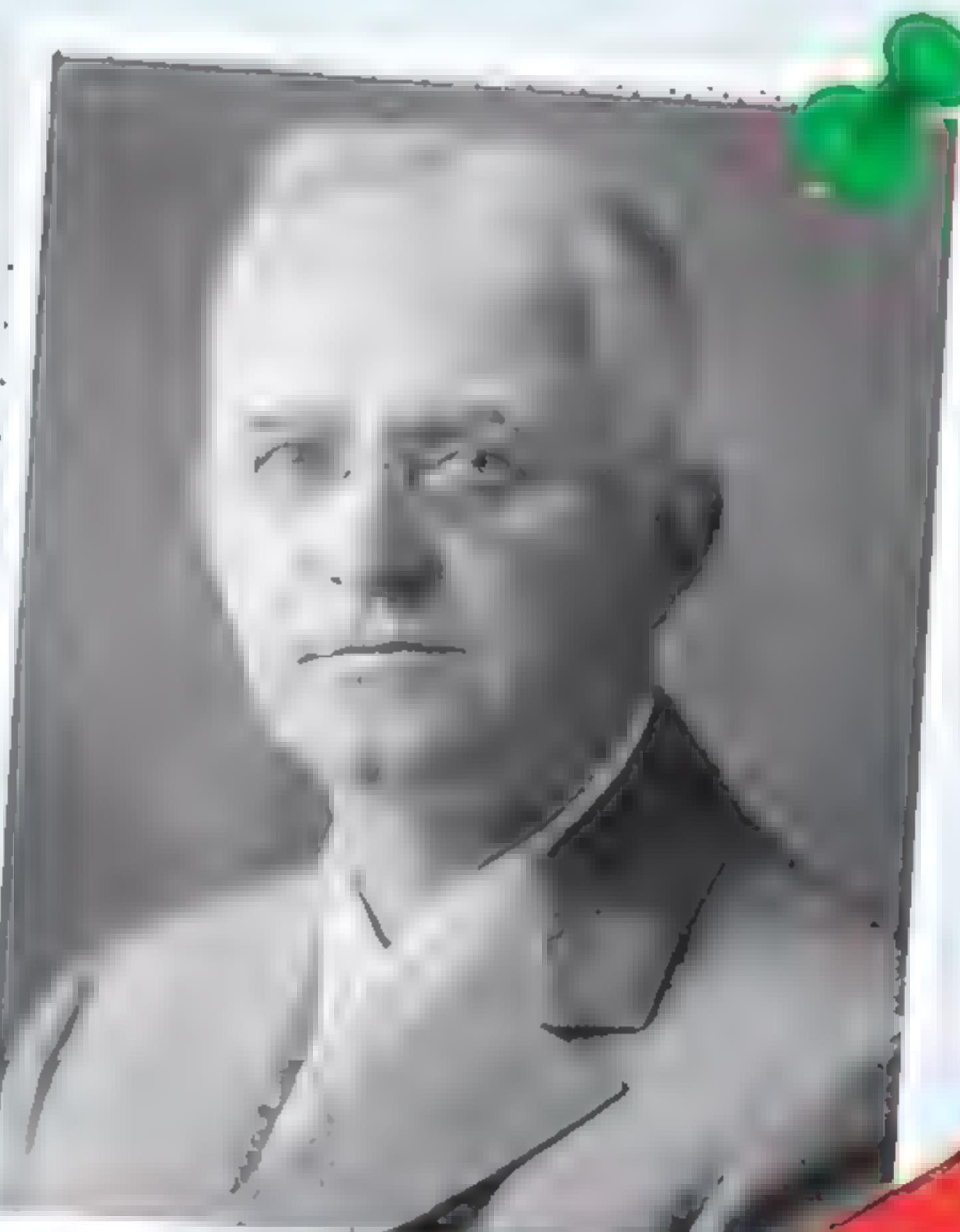
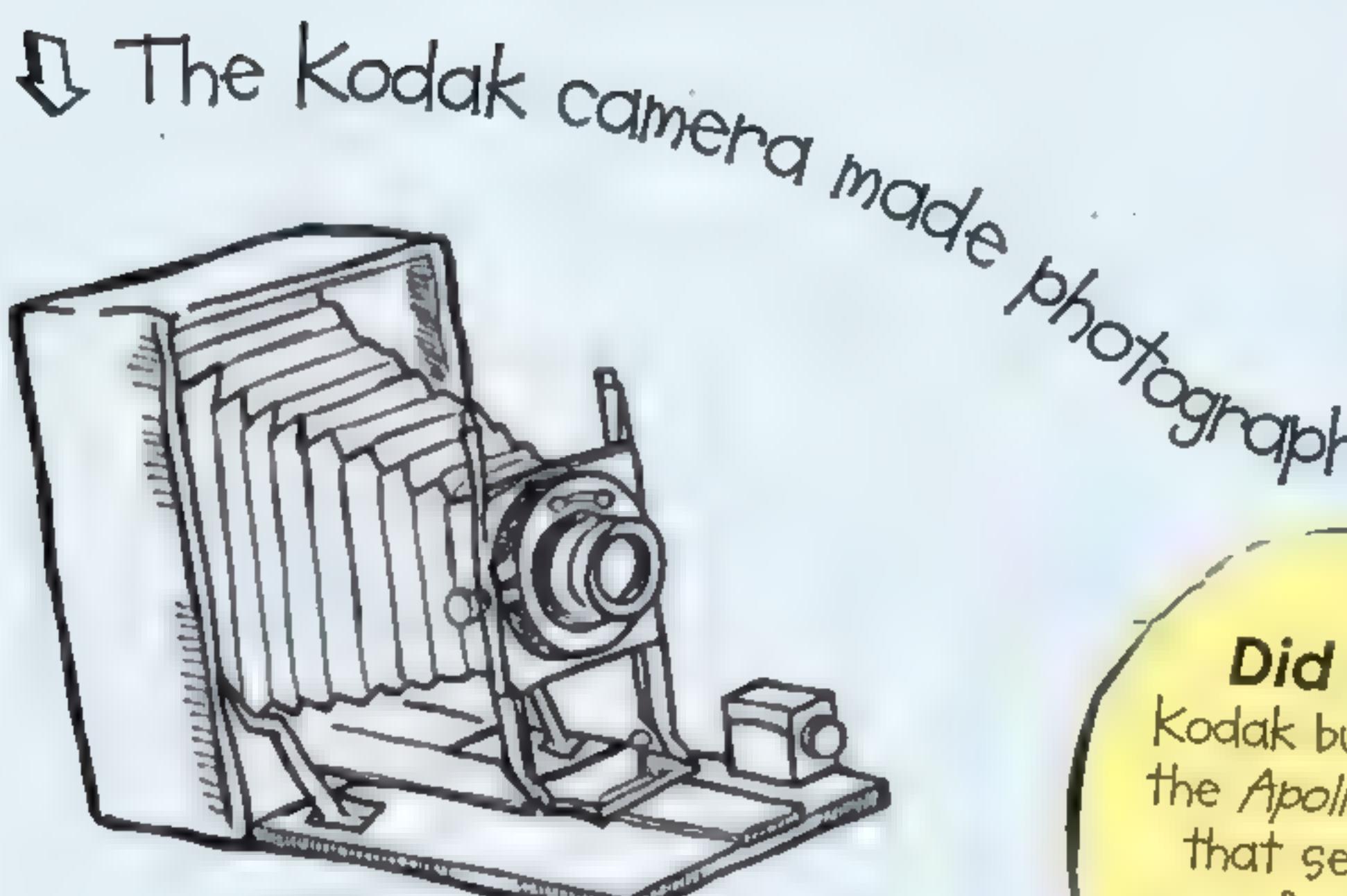


Jeans became a rock and roll fashion icon



George Eastman (1854–1932)

Today you're more likely to use your phone to take a photograph, but before the iPhone, there was Kodak. Eastman was an American inventor who brought **roll film** to market, which replaced expensive **photographic plates**. He also invented a small, cheap camera, called the **KODAK** in 1888.



Did you know?
Kodak built the camera for the *Apollo 11* space program that sent pictures back from the Moon.



Wallace Carothers (1896–1937)

This American chemist has been helping women cover their legs for more than 70 years. He created **NYLON**, the first **synthetic polymer** (a bit like plastic), which, when pulled out into threads, can be used to make anything from **guitar strings to stockings**.

The first nylon stockings were worn only by movie stars



Alexander Graham Bell

The man whose invention got the world TALKING, and made it seem a little bit smaller

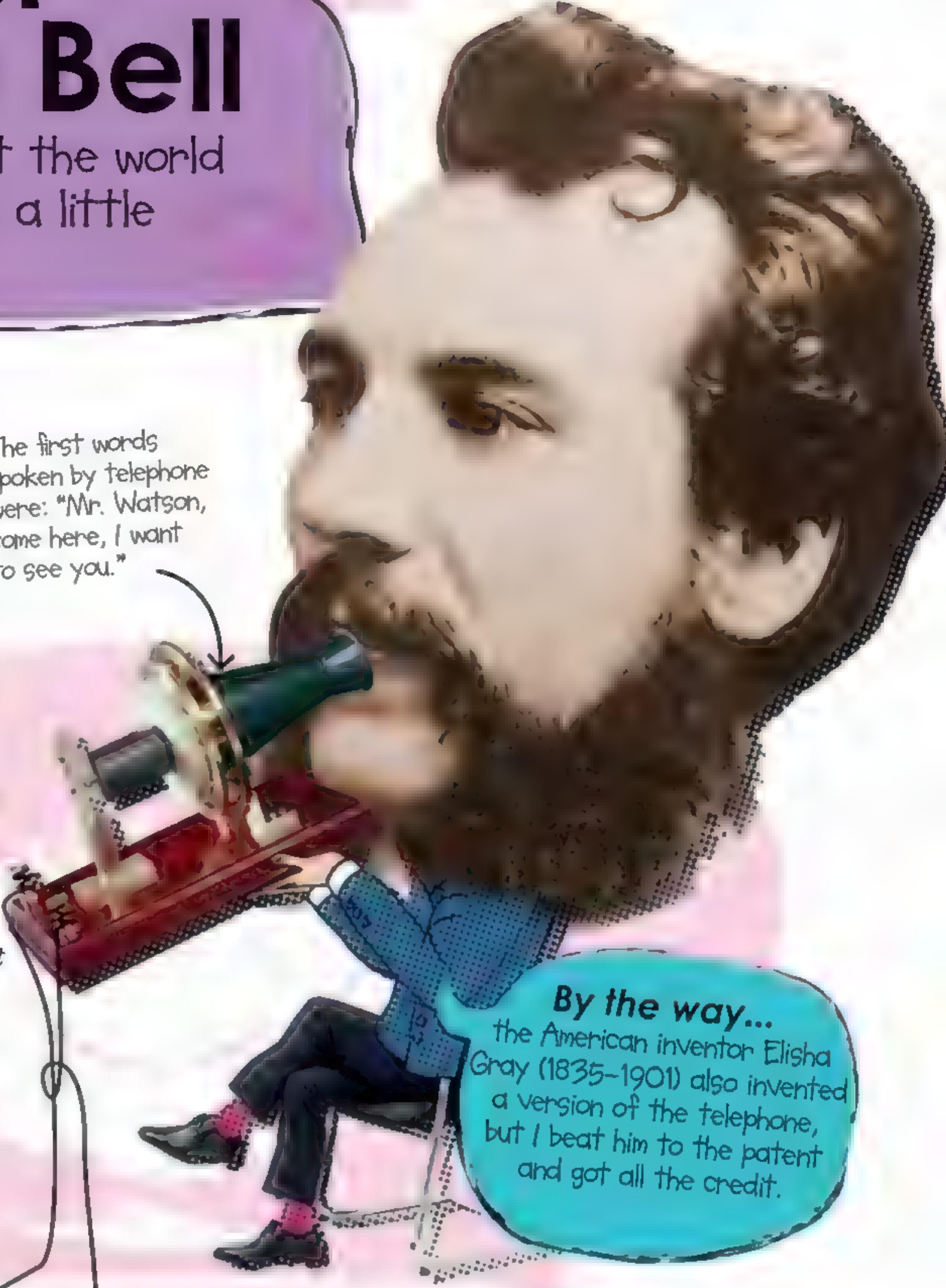
All about me

- **BORN:** 1847
- **DIED:** 1922
- **NATIONALITY:** Scottish
- **FACTOID:** I also invented the first metal detector.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but lived and worked in both the US and Canada.

The first words spoken by telephone were: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you."

The electrical speech machine

Long-distance messages were once sent by telegraph, which sent electronic code through cables. Bell suspected that he could use the telegraph wires to **transmit a human voice**. In 1875, with the help of American Thomas Watson (1854–1934), he created the first **electrical speech machine** or, as it is now known, the **TELEPHONE**. By 1878, Bell had set up the world's first telephone exchange in Connecticut, USA.



Work with the deaf

It was Bell's work with the deaf that eventually led him to invent the telephone and the microphone. **Bell's mother was deaf**, and his father had developed a **VISIBLE SPEECH SYSTEM** to help deaf children learn to speak. In 1872, Bell opened the School of Vocal Physiology and Mechanics of Speech (pictured left) in Boston to help train teachers to **help deaf children** use his father's system.

Thomas Edison

A prolific inventor whose ideas helped to make the world a much **BRIGHTER** place for everybody

All about me

- **BORN:** 1847
- **DIED:** 1931
- **NATIONALITY:** American
- **FACTOID:** I patented almost 1,100 inventions.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I was born in Ohio, USA. By the time I was 12, I was almost completely deaf. I didn't really mind though—it helped me to concentrate!

By the way...
I also held patents for the phonograph (a music player) and a kinetograph (motion picture recorder).

A thin wire (filament) glows when electricity is passed through it.

Let there be light

The **FILAMENTS** of early light bulbs were too bright and burned out after just a few hours. Edison did **4,700 experiments** to find a better material and, in 1879, he tried using carbon and created a light bulb that lasted 1,500 hours, *making the bulb practical for the first time ever*.



Electric revolution

To make his invention useful, people needed an **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**. So Edison invented a way to produce electricity and distribute it through wires into homes and businesses. In 1882, he built the first public power station, the **Edison Electric Light Station** in London, England, and eight months later, he built America's first power station in New York. By the 1890s, **hundreds of towns** throughout the world had Edison power stations, and soon electricity became part of everyday life.

Alfred Nobel

The man who put the BANG into peace

In life Nobel invented new ways to blow things up, but in death his name promotes peace and learning.



Making a bang

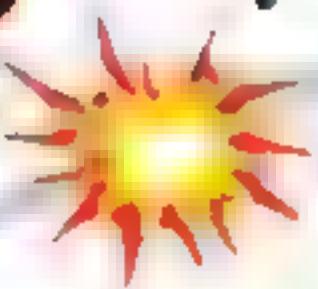
Nobel was fascinated by **EXPLOSIVES** and wanted to make them safer—in particular nitroglycerine, which was very **unstable and dangerous** (it could explode if you dropped it). He mixed it with a type of silica, which made it much more stable and safer to work with. Nobel called the new explosive "**dynamite**" and it made him very rich.

Young chemist

Alfred Nobel was born in 1833 in Stockholm, Sweden. His **father was an engineer and inventor**. In 1842, his family moved to Russia where his father started an engineering firm that built **equipment for the army of the Tsar** (Russia's king). When he was 17, Nobel was sent abroad to study **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**.

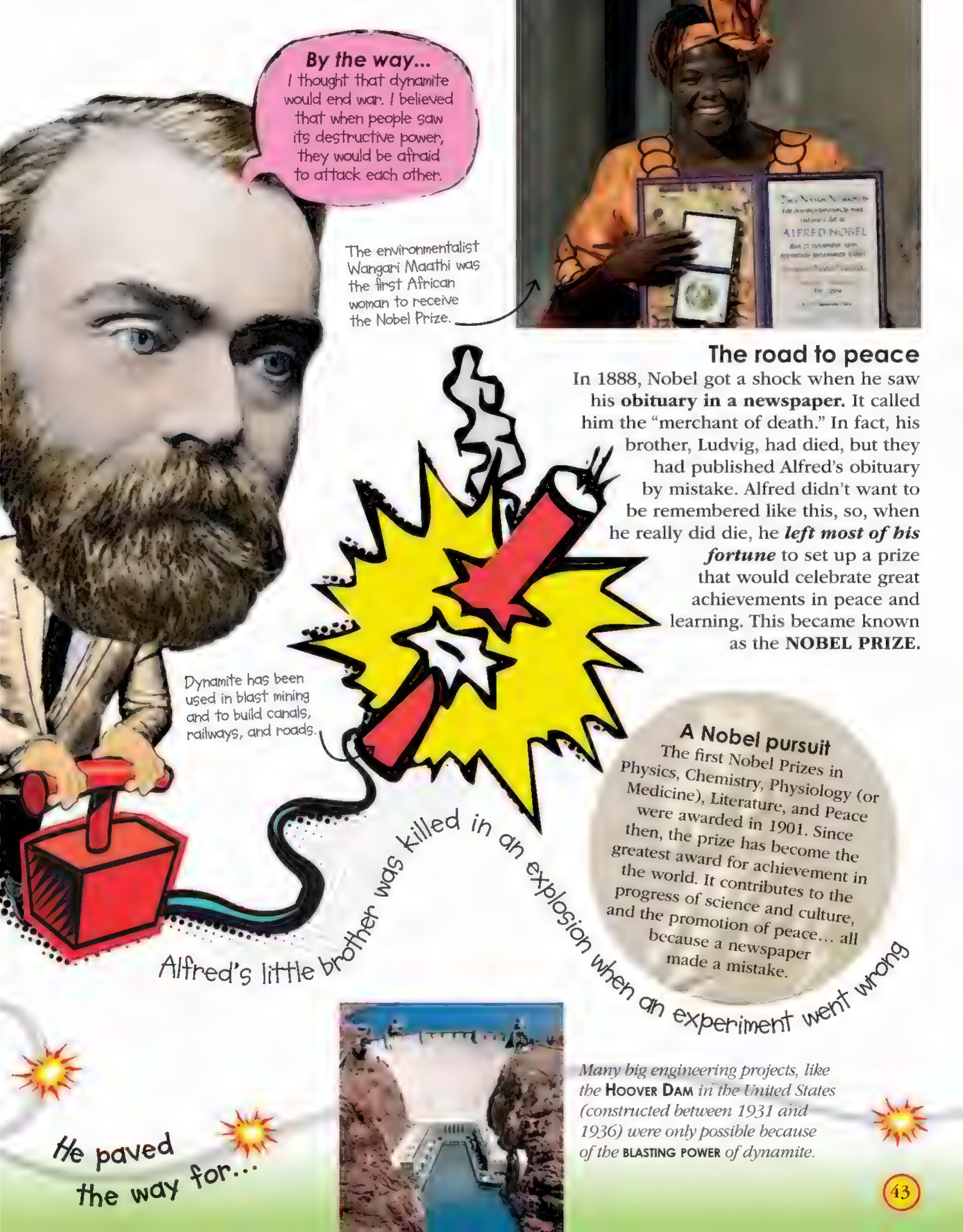


He couldn't have done it without...



RAGNAR SOHLMAN (1870–1948) spent five years turning Nobel's slightly vague will into the Nobel Prize we know today.

BERTHA VON SUTTNER (1843–1914) was a **PEACE CAMPAIGNER** who influenced Nobel to include a **PRIZE FOR PEACE** in his will.



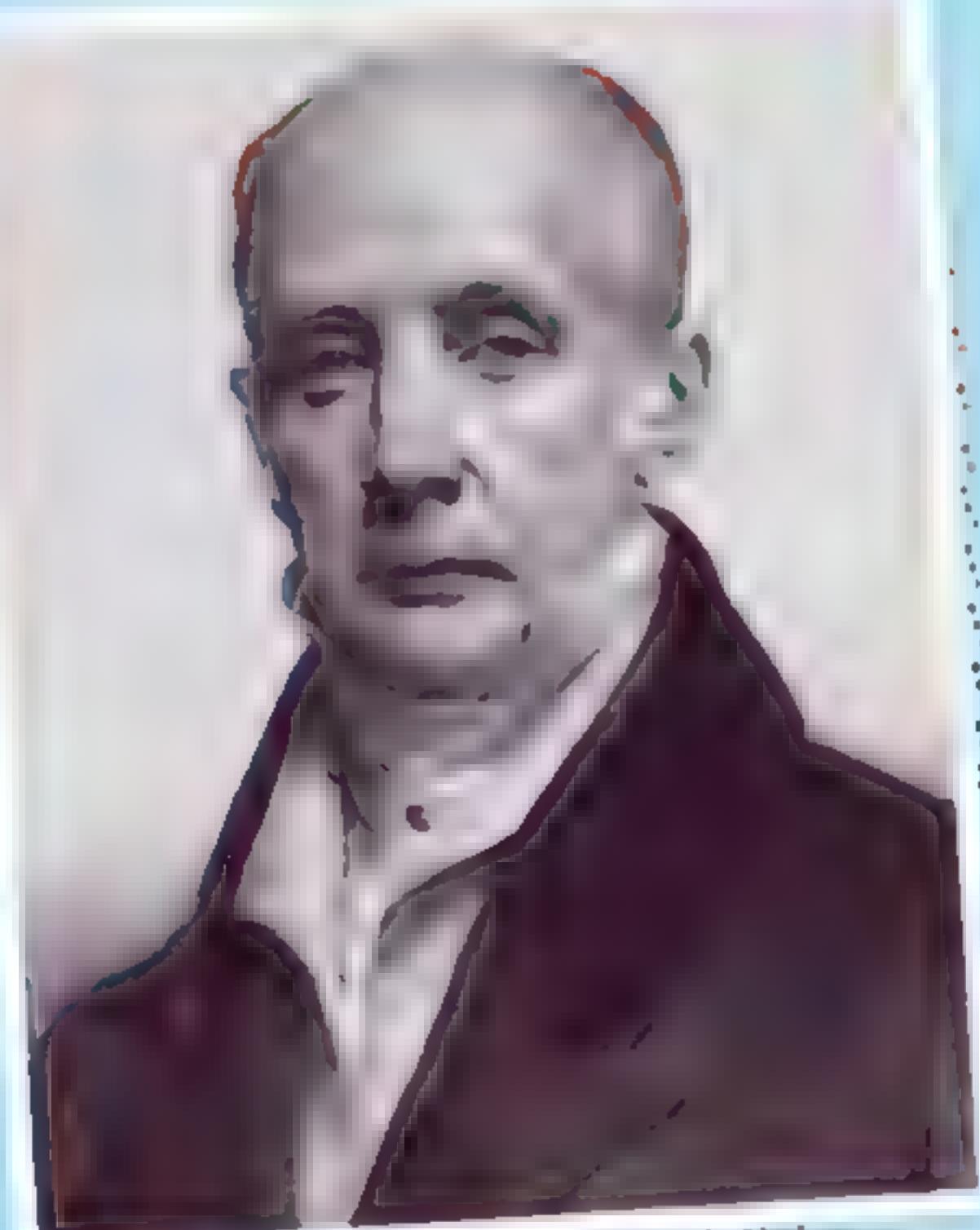
Food made easy

Not so long ago, if you wanted food to last, you grew turnips. For fast food, you ate the turnip raw. These men changed all that.

The men who made FOOD more convenient

Did you know?

The first tin cans were so thick they had to be hammered open. The can opener wasn't invented for another 50 years.



Peter Durand

(1766–1822)

The Napoleonic wars were raging in Europe and the army needed a way of **safely feeding its soldiers**. The British merchant Peter Durand heard that the French were **preserving food** in glass bottles by heating the food so it became sterilized. Since bottles break easily, Durand came up with the idea of using **TIN CANS** instead of fragile bottles.



Durand invented the first tin can in 1810 ↳

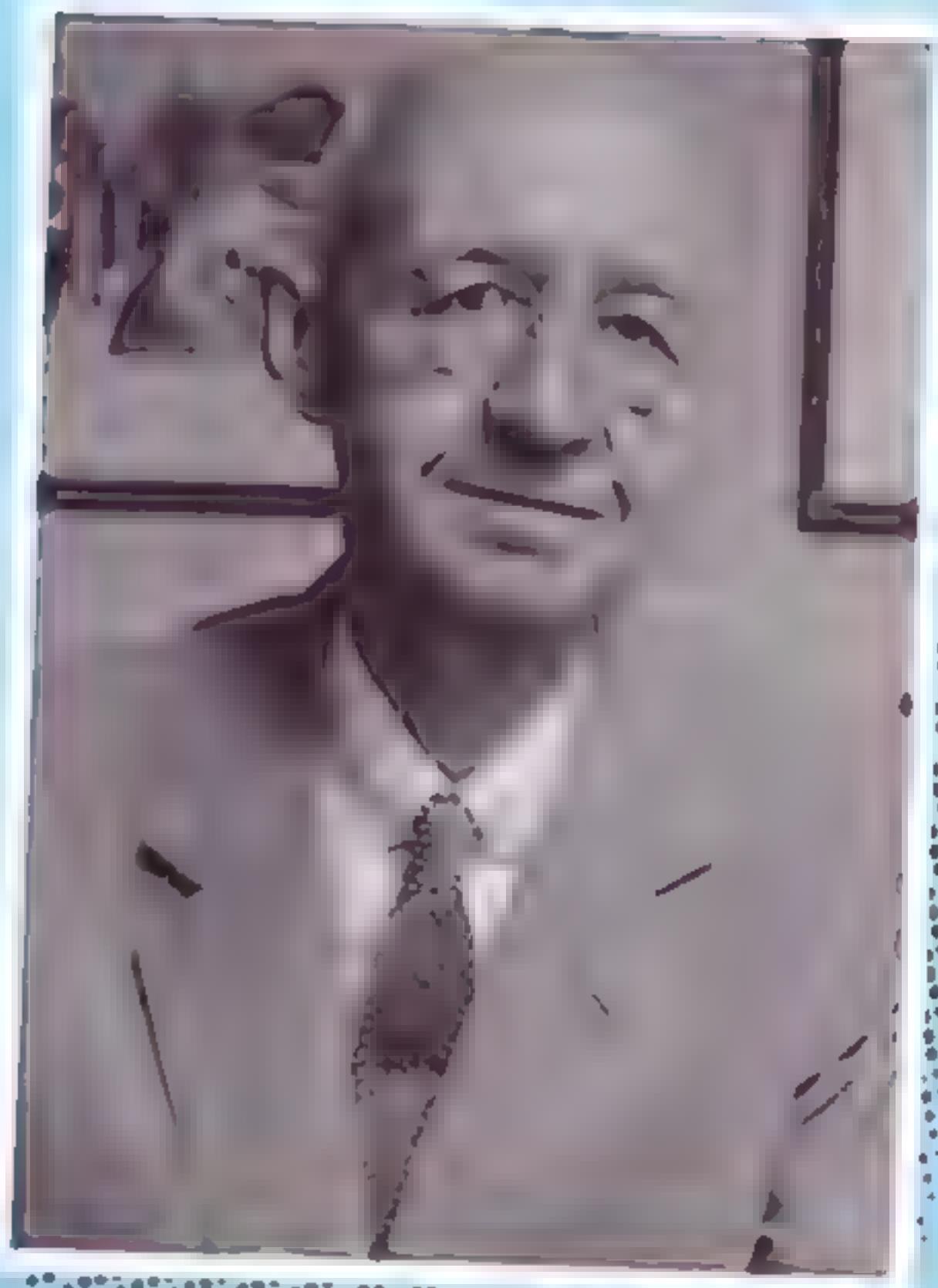
Clarence Birdseye

(1886–1956)

The American inventor Clarence Birdseye was working in the Arctic when he noticed that fish caught by the locals were almost **instantly frozen** by the icy winds. Since it had frozen so quickly, the fish still **tasted great**, so, when he got home to New York, he copied the **FLASH-FREEZING** process.

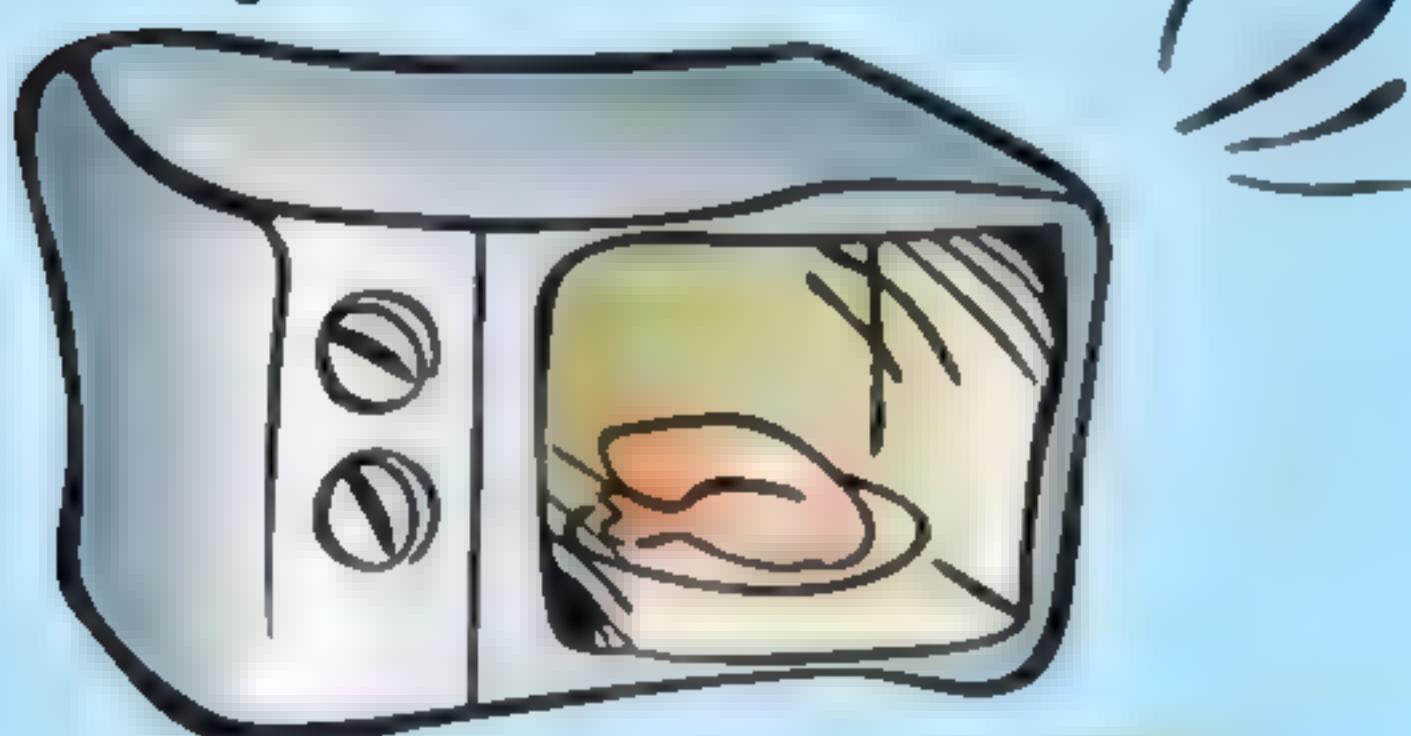
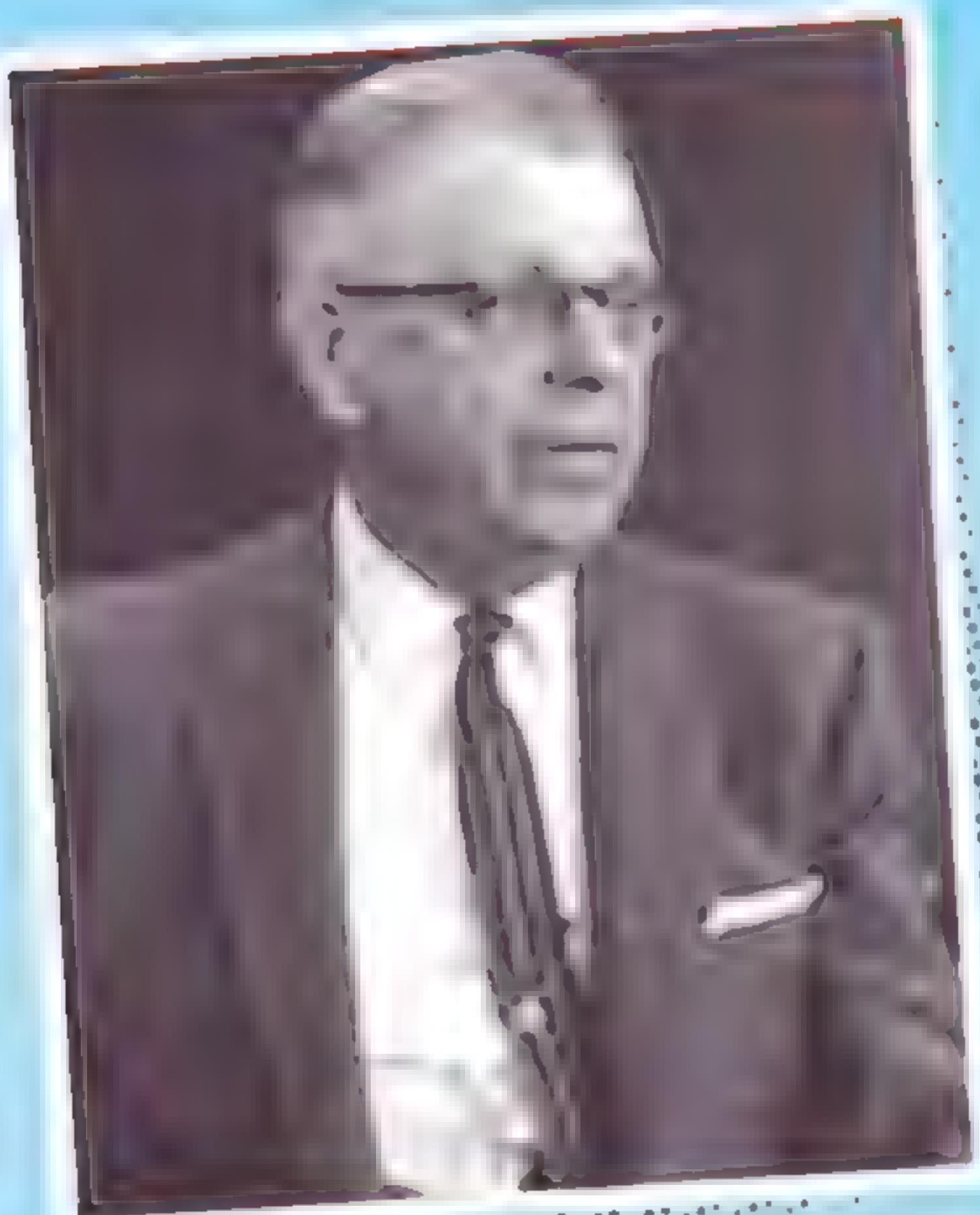


↳ Birdseye invented his flash-freezing process in 1924



Percy Spencer (1894–1970)

Percy Spencer was an American engineer who built machines that were used to generate microwaves. One day he was standing too close to one of his machines when he noticed the chocolate bar in his pocket had **melted**. He experimented with popcorn and realized **MICROWAVES** could be used for cooking.



Ray Kroc (1902–1984)

From a **high school drop out** to a successful American businessman, Ray Kroc was the man who thought that fast food was too slow. He came up with the idea that, if he used **Henry Ford's production line techniques**, food could be made much faster. In 1955, he used his idea in a small restaurant called **McDONALD'S**.

Kroc made sure that a Big Mac tasted the same in all his restaurants

Guglielmo Marconi

The inventor of the first RADIO SYSTEM
who received the Nobel Prize in Physics

All about me

- **BORN:** 1874
- **DIED:** 1937
- **NATIONALITY:** Italian
- **FACTOID:** I was an engineer and physicist.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Born in Bologna, Italy, I was a bad student, but was fascinated with science and electricity.

The radio star

As a young man, Marconi read about Heinrich Hertz's **discovery of radio waves**. He wondered if you could use radio waves to transmit information without using wires. He started experimenting, and could soon operate a bell wirelessly. His *first long-distance transmission* was in 1896, when he sent a message to a receiver 1 mile (1.6 km) away. In 1897, he started the **MARCONI COMPANY**.



When the radio stations started transmitting sound, Marconi's company started building radio sets.

Early radio systems sent messages using a series of dots and dashes called Morse code.

By the way...
When I died at age 63,
radio stations all over
the world observed
a two-minute silence
as a tribute.

Titanic achievement

Seeing its potential, the British and Indian navies adopted Marconi's *wireless telegraph system*, and, by 1901, he was able to send messages across the Atlantic. Marconi's radio proved its worth in 1912 onboard the **TITANIC**. As the ship sank, its radio operators signaled for help. Two ships heard the distress call and came to its aid, saving 700 lives.



John Logie Baird

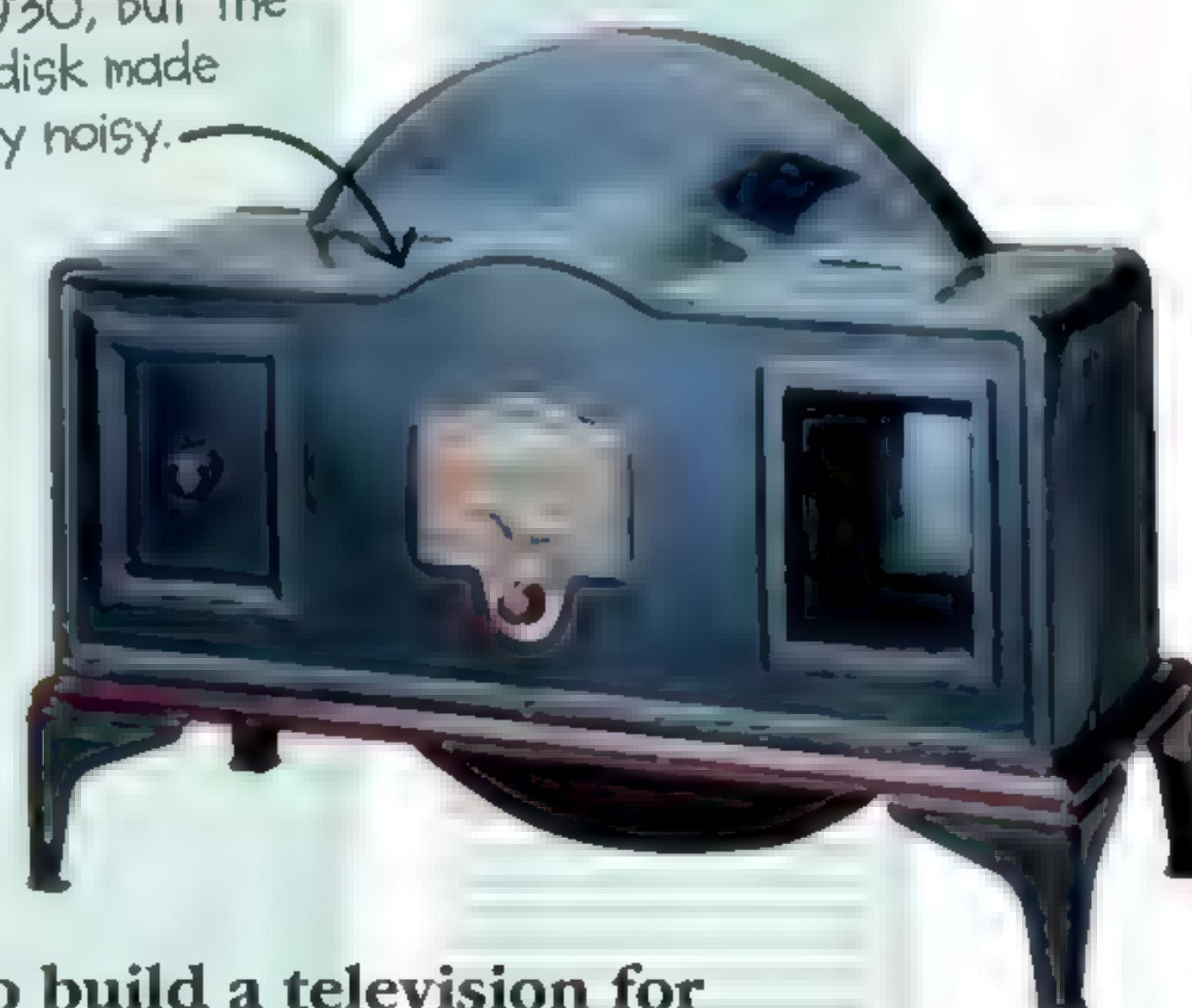
The man who invented the first TELEVISION, and gave the world something to watch

All about me

- BORN: 1888
- DIED: 1946
- NATIONALITY: Scottish
- FACTOID: I was an engineer and inventor.
- IN A NUTSHELL: As a child, I built a telephone exchange in my bedroom so I could talk with my friends.

By the way...
when I was in my twenties,
I tried to make diamonds by
heating graphite, but only
managed to short out
Glasgow's electricity supply.

Baird started selling
TVs in 1930, but the
spinning disk made
them very noisy.



The TV star

Scientists had been **trying to build a television for decades**. Baird's first attempt was quite crude, and was made of odds and ends, but, by 1924, he had managed to **transmit a flickering image** a short distance. In 1926, he demonstrated the **WORLD'S FIRST TELEVISION** to 50 scientists in London.

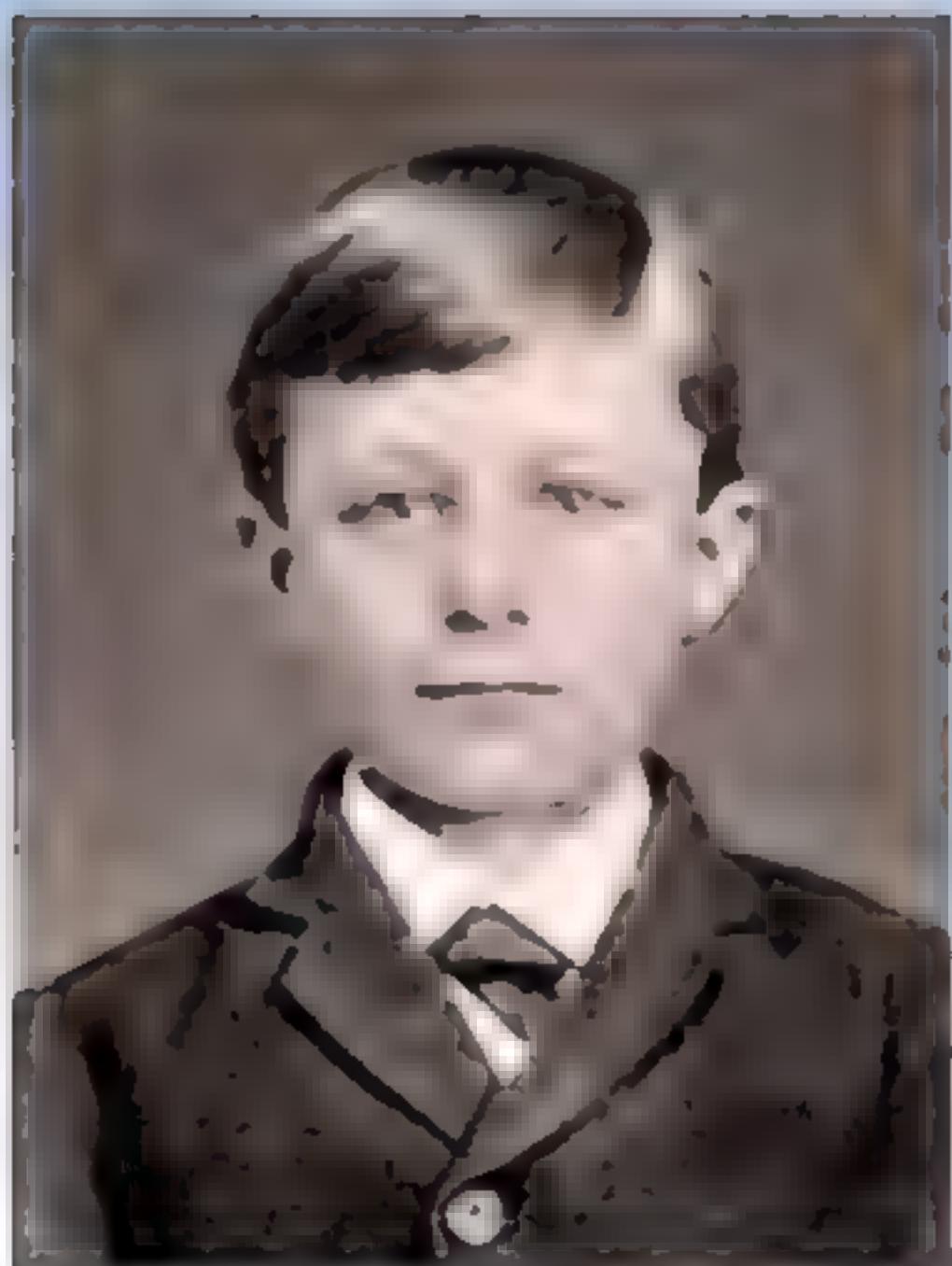


The mechanical television

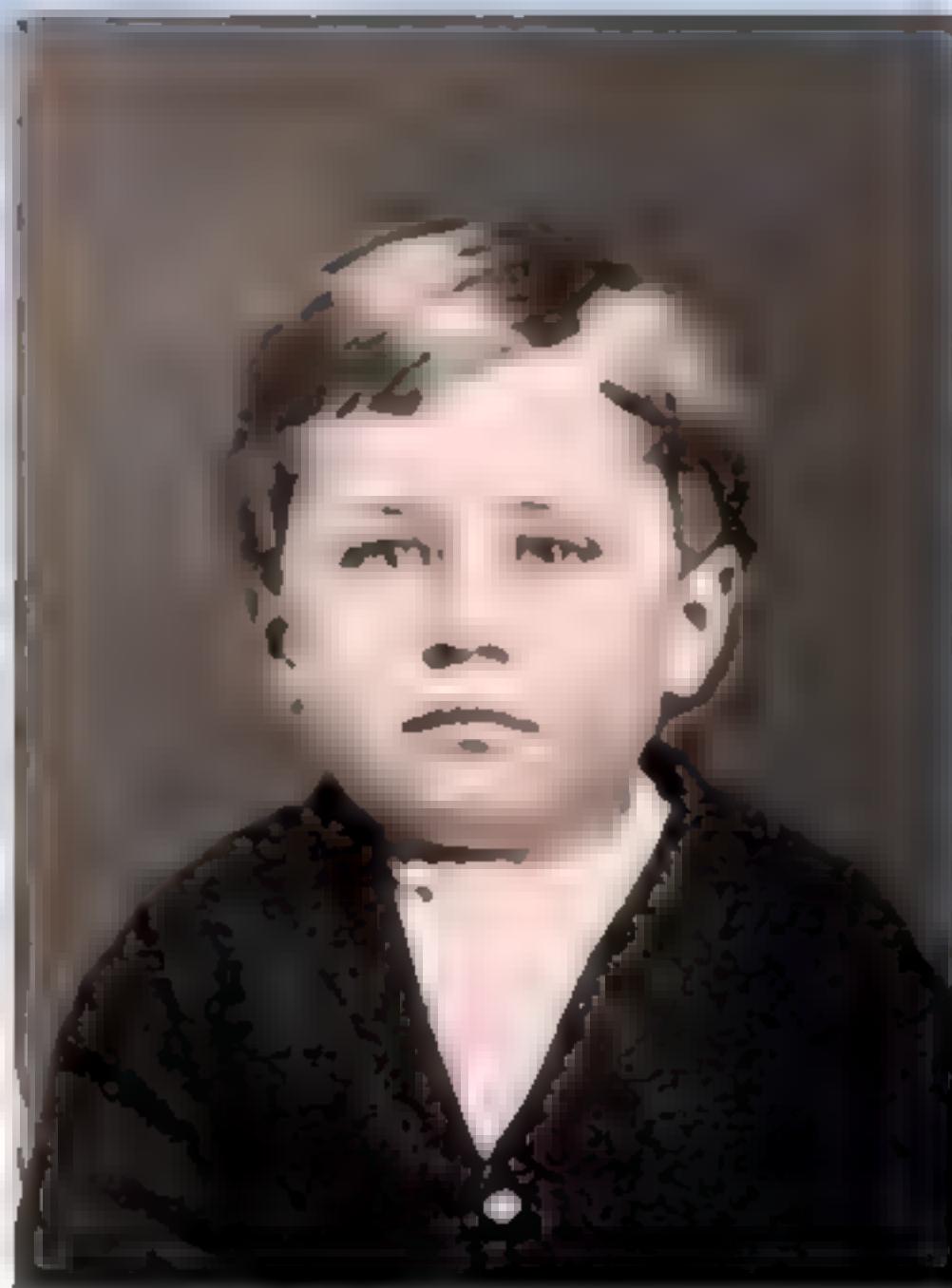
Baird's television wasn't the electronic device we know today, but was more like a **CLOCKWORK MACHINE**. It used a **spinning cardboard disk**, which had a series of square holes stamped into it. As the disk spun, each hole scanned a different part of the image. His TV produced a **tiny, flickering 30-line picture**, where modern TVs produce more than 1,000 lines... not exactly high definition.

The Wright brothers

The fathers of powered FLIGHT



Wilbur Wright



Orville Wright

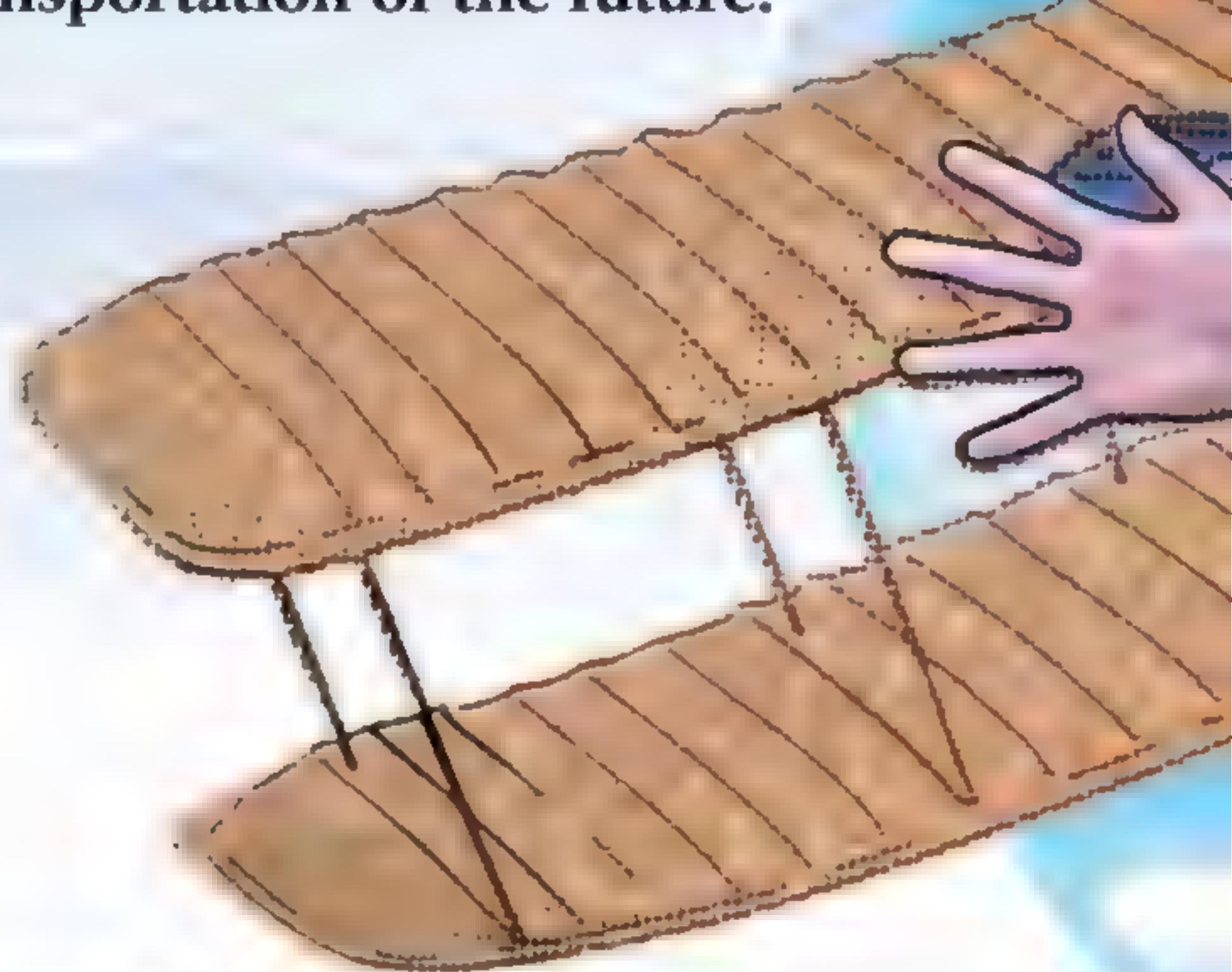
Young tinkers

Wilbur Wright was born in 1867 in Indiana, USA, and his brother, Orville, was born four years later. From an early age the boys were **obsessed** with all things **MECHANICAL** and with the idea of flight. By 1895, they started building their own bicycles, but it wasn't long before they started to dream about building their own **flying machines**.

They couldn't have done it without...

*Wilbur was inspired to build an **AIRCRAFT** when he read about German glider pilot **OTTO LILIENTHAL** (1848–1896), an early pioneer of aviation.*

These pioneers made the first ever sustained, powered flight. Before them, flight was a useless novelty—they turned it into the transportation of the future.



Things look up

Wilbur wrote to the Smithsonian Institute—a famous museum in Washington, DC—and asked for all the information they had on aeronautics (the science of flight). The brothers studied **BIRDS** and used what they had learned to build their own **gliders**. They built a wind tunnel to test all their designs, but soon realized that, if their flying machine were to travel any distance, it would need something to **propel** it.





Orville takes to the air in the Wright Flyer.



Flying high

The brothers started work on building their own **ENGINE** and created a completely new propeller design with blades based on the shape of a wing. By 1903, their powered glider was ready for a test flight and, on December 17, the **Wright Flyer** took to the air with Orville at the helm. Their first attempt lasted just 12 seconds and they traveled only 120 ft (36.5 m), but they had achieved their **childhood dream**.

The sky's (not) the limit

At the time the Wright brothers made their famous flight, it could take up to three weeks to sail across the Atlantic. Today, the same distance is covered in just a few hours by airplane. The brother's invention brought the world closer together and was the first step in mankind's journey to the Moon and beyond.

They paved the way for...

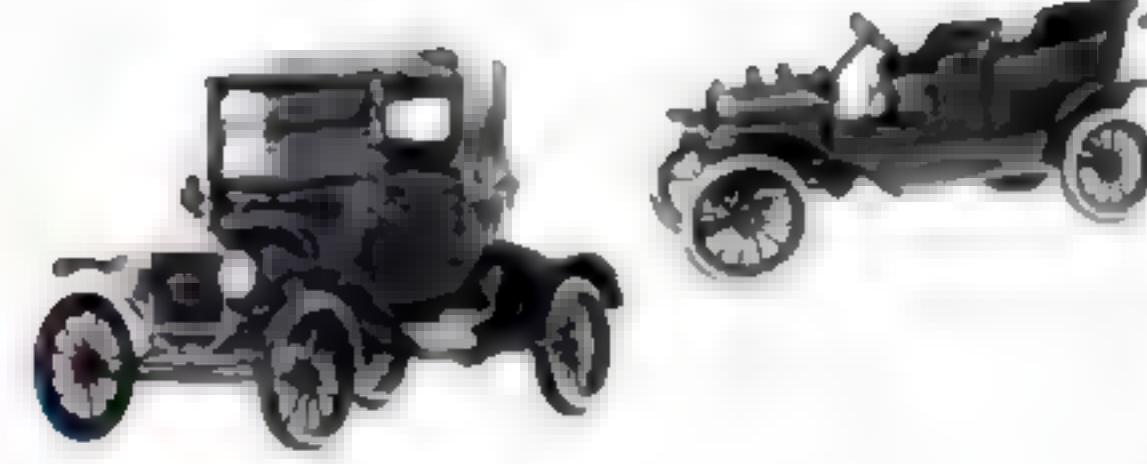


Giant passenger aircraft were made possible by the invention of the **JET ENGINE** by English engineer **FRANK WHITTLE** (1907–1996).

Just 58 years after Orville's first flight, a Russian called **YURI GAGARIN** (1934–1968) became the first human to fly into **SPACE**.

Henry Ford

The man who DROVE the world to change.



Henry Ford pioneered the use of assembly lines and transformed the car from a luxury item for the rich into a method of transport everyone could afford.



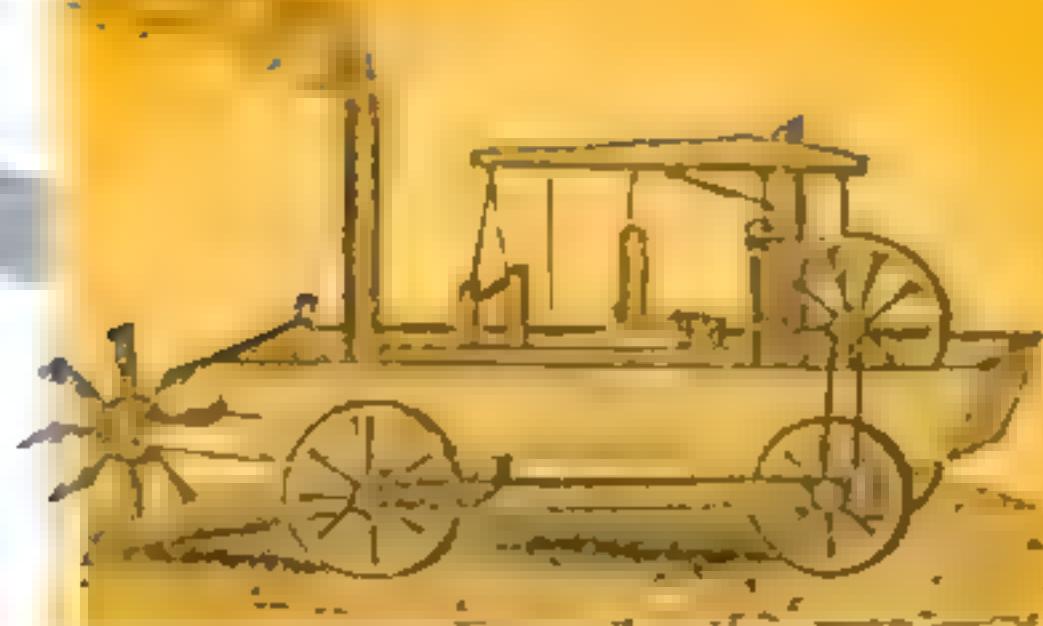
A car for the masses

Ford wanted to build a car that everyone could afford and, in 1908, his Ford Motor Company created the **MODEL T**. Ford's assembly lines meant that he could produce the Model T **faster and cheaper** than any other car manufacturer. While cars at the time cost almost \$3,000, Ford sold the Model T for **just \$825**.

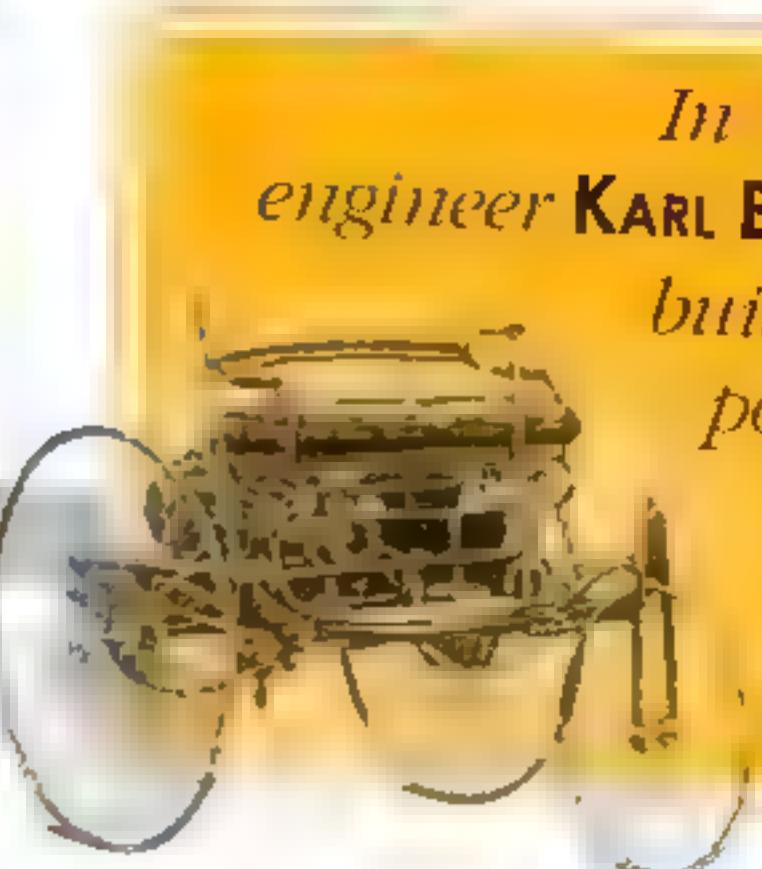
Did you know?
Ford improved working conditions in his factories by increasing pay and reducing working hours.

At its height, a new Model T was built every 24 seconds!

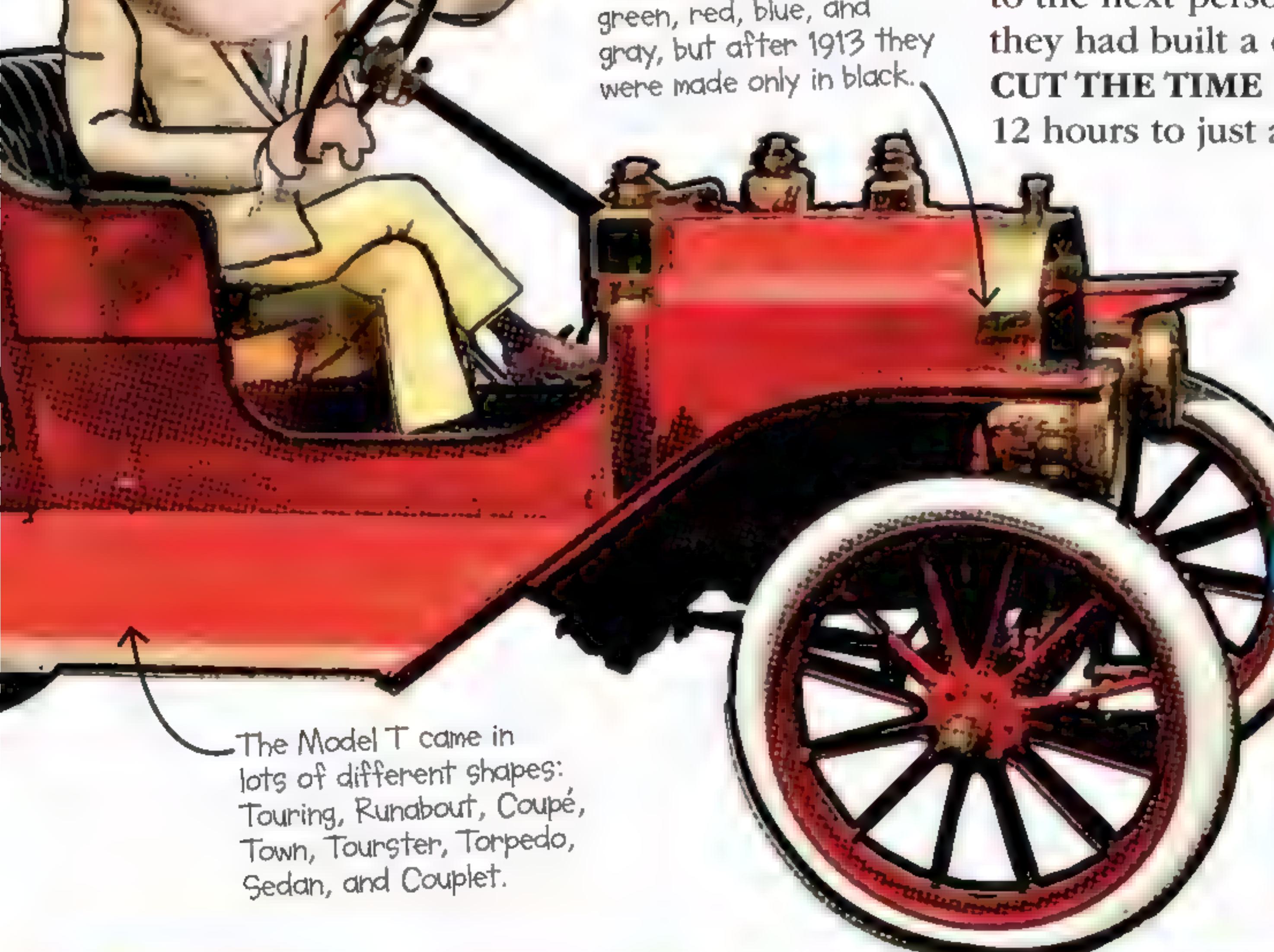
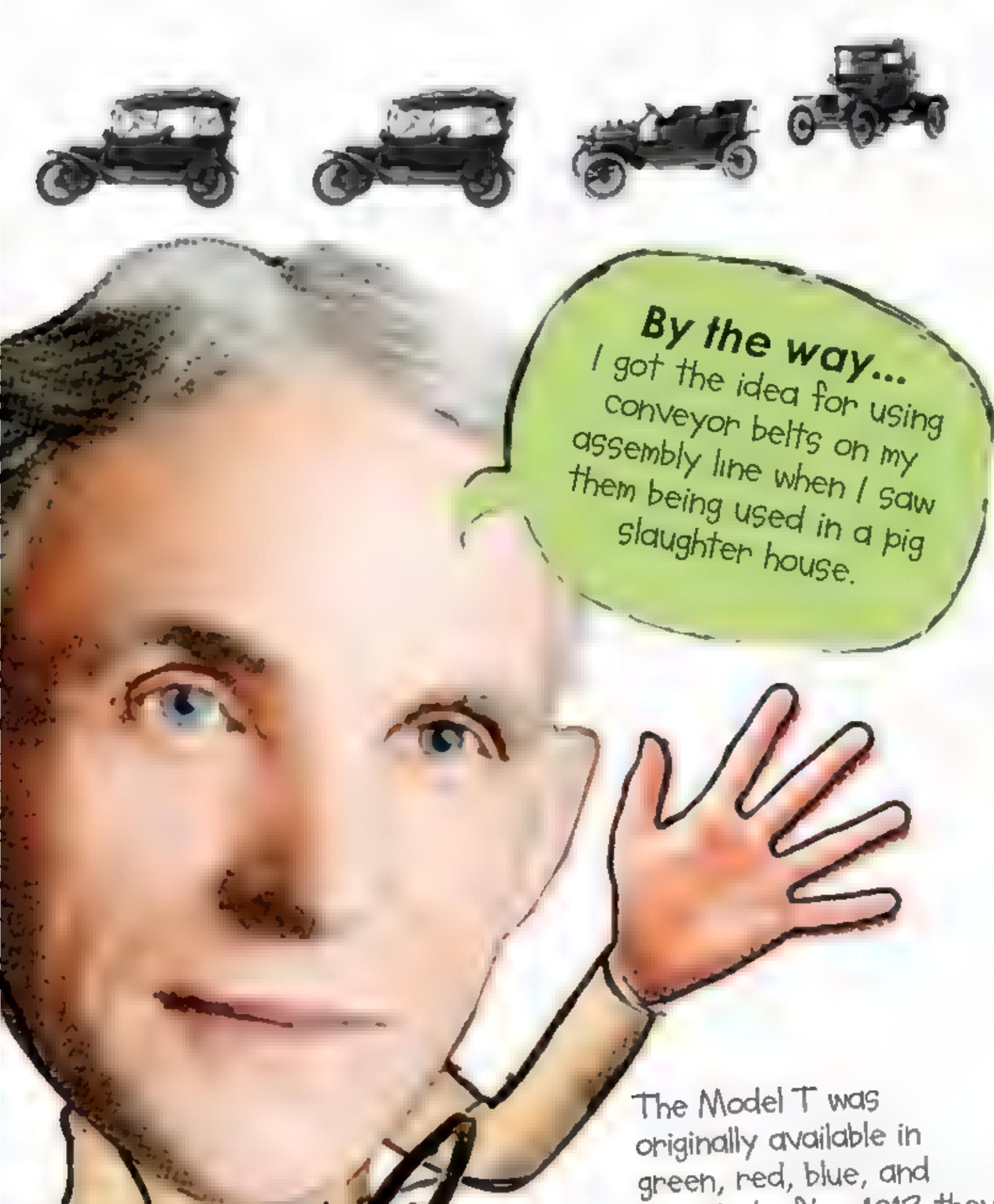
He couldn't have done it without...



In 1804, the American inventor **OLIVER EVANS** (1755-1819) invented a steam-powered land vehicle called the **ORUKTOR AMPHIBOLIS**.



In 1885, the German engineer **KARL BENZ** (1844-1929) built the **FIRST AUTOMOBILE** powered by an internal combustion engine.

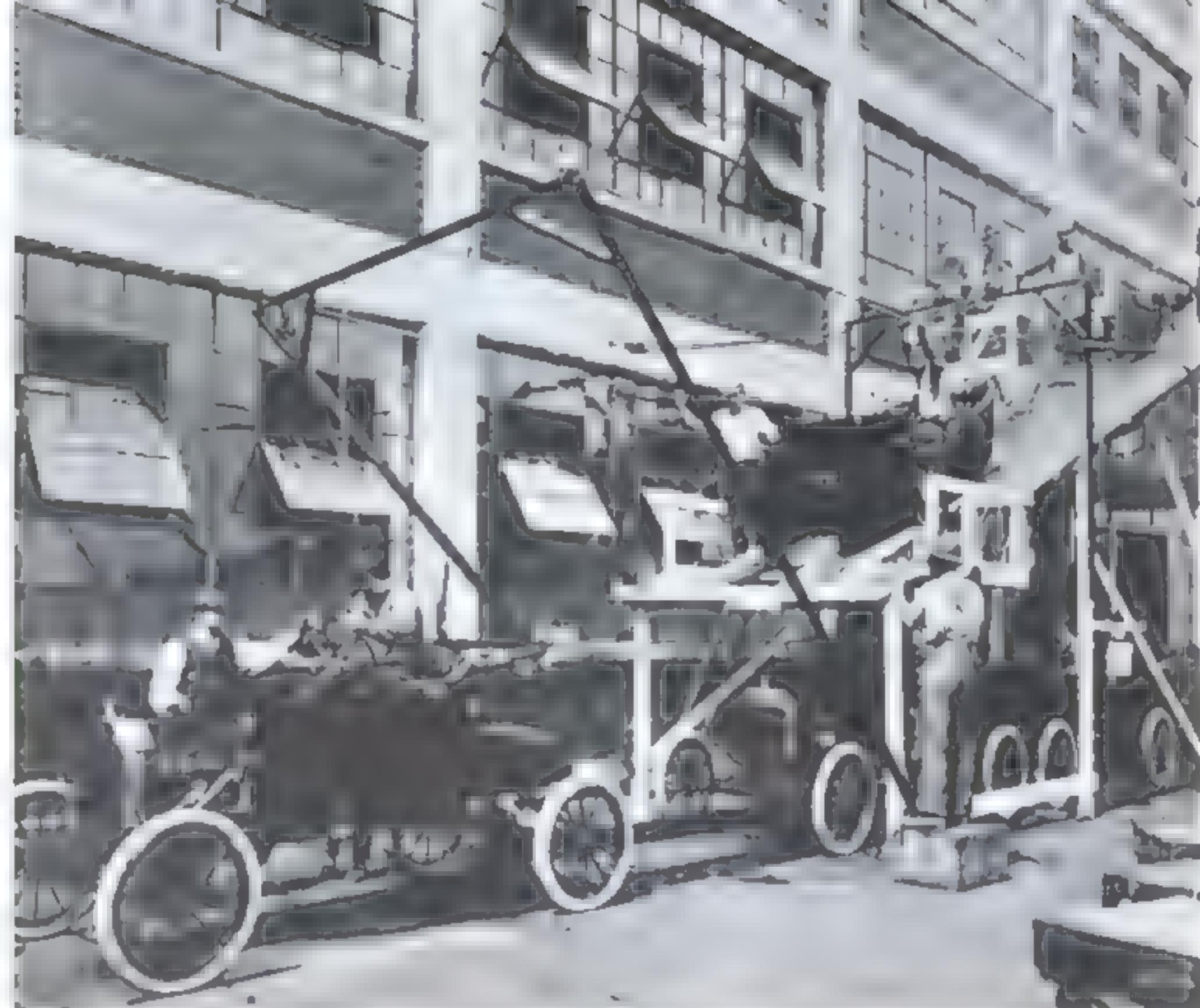
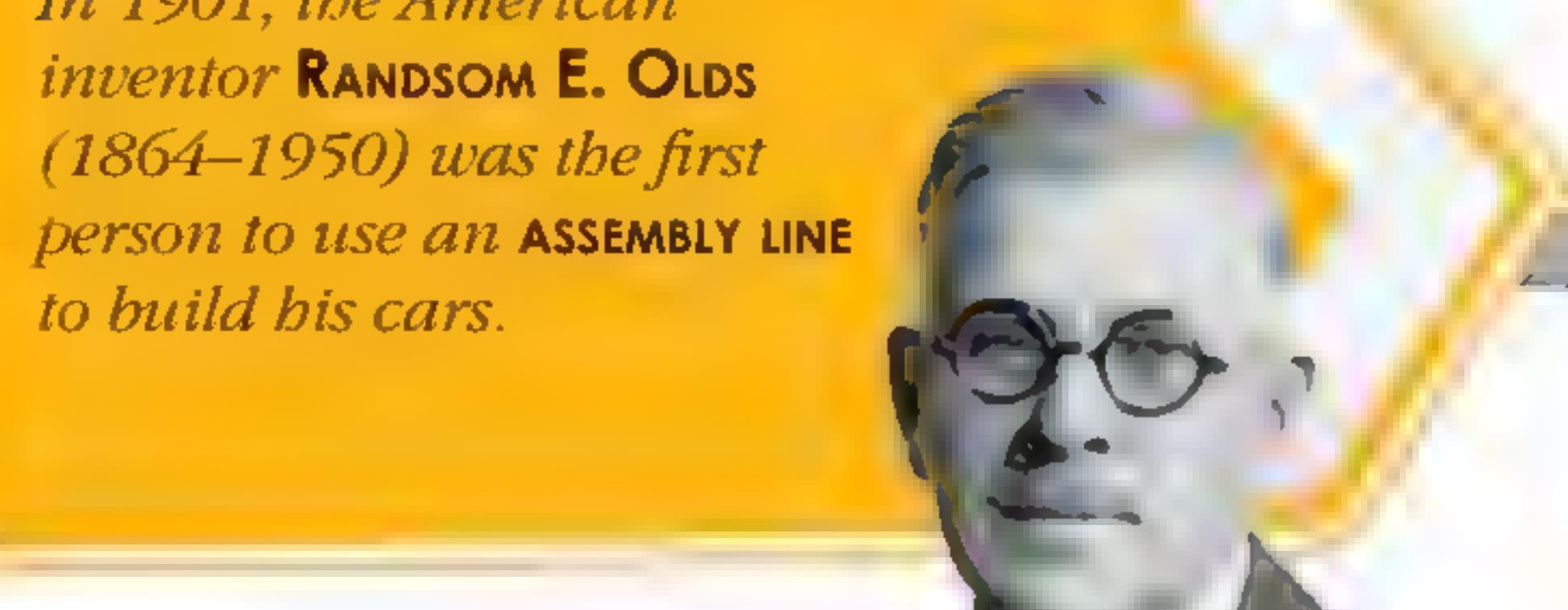


Another German, **GOTTLIEB DAIMLER** (1834–1900), invented the world's first **HIGH-SPEED PETROL ENGINE** and

the very first four-wheeled automobile.



In 1901, the American inventor **RANDOM E. OLDS** (1864–1950) was the first person to use an **ASSEMBLY LINE** to build his cars.



Putting it all together

Ford thought that the old method of building a car was too **inefficient**. Instead of using a few people to assemble an entire car, he decided that each part of the assembly would be done by one person and then passed down a **conveyor belt** to the next person until, at the end of the line, they had built a complete a car. Ford's technique **CUT THE TIME** it took to build a chassis from 12 hours to just an hour and a half.

The road ahead

Ford's improved assembly line revolutionized industry and his techniques are still used today—but with more robots! His Model T, which sold more than 15 million, started the “age of the motorcar.” Suddenly people all over the world could travel wherever they wanted.

Steve Jobs & Steve Wozniak

The guys who gave us HOME COMPUTERS

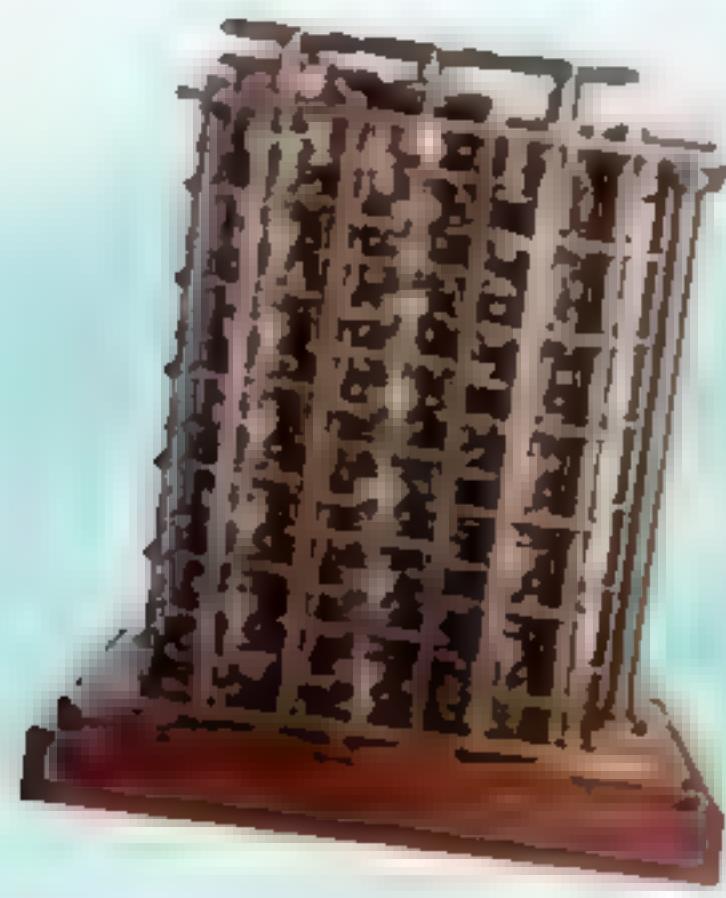
Once upon a time, personal computers had to be put together from a kit and could be used only by highly skilled super-geeks. Apple changed all this.

The two Steves

Both Californians, Steve Wozniak was born in 1950 in Sunnyvale, and loved tinkering with electronics. Steve Jobs was born in San Francisco, in 1955 and grew up in the area that would become **Silicon Valley**. The pair first met when Jobs got a summer job at Hewlett Packard where Wozniak was also working. In 1976, they both quit their jobs to create "APPLE." Their goal was to create **a cheap computer that was easy to use**.



They couldn't have done it without...



The first "computer" was built by **CHARLES BABBAGE** (1791–1871) in the 1820s. His "Difference Engine" was a machine that performed MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS.



ALAN TURING (1912–1954) designed the **FIRST MODERN COMPUTER** to use **binary code** and magnetic tape to store data in 1936.

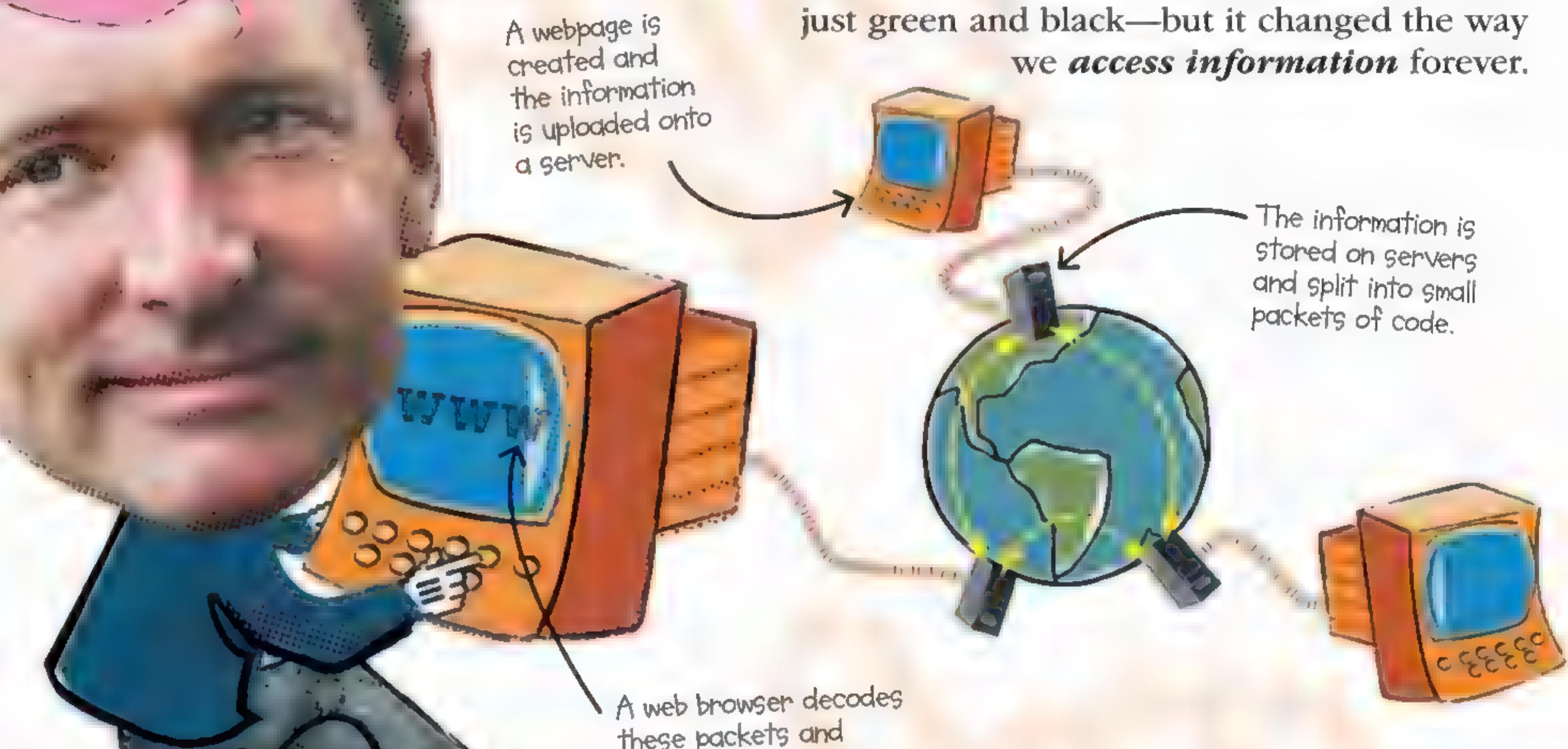


All about me

- **BORN:** 1955
- **NATIONALITY:** English
- **FACTOID:** I am a computer scientist.
- **ANOTHER FACTOID:** I was caught hacking when I was at Oxford University.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I worked as a software engineer for the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland.

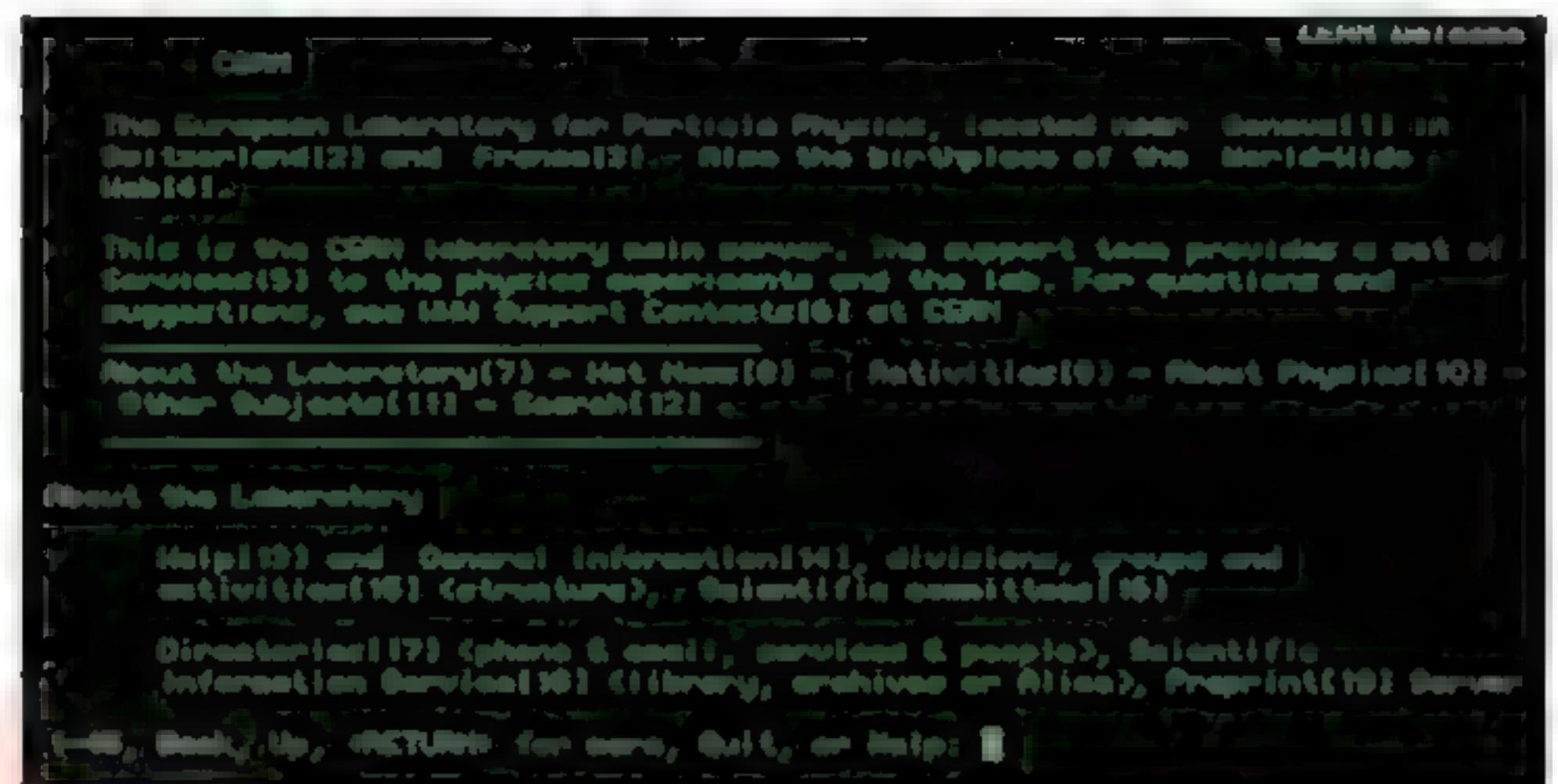
By the way...

my invention could have made me very rich, but I wanted the Internet to be free for everyone.



Tim Berners-Lee

The computer geek who used the WORLD WIDE WEB to connect the world



Creating the web

In 1991, Tim created the **World Wide Web** so that people would have an easy way to access the information stored on the Internet, the global network of computers and servers. His first **WEBSITE** wasn't very impressive—it was just green and black—but it changed the way we **access information** forever.

A use for the Internet

The **Internet** was created in 1969, but only used to link computers at different American universities. The World Wide Web— invented by Berners-Lee more than 20 years later—is really a collection of **hyperlinked documents called websites** that is made possible by the Internet. Tim also created the world's first **WEB BROWSER**, which is a computer program that allows people to find, view, and interact with these websites.



Mark Zuckerberg

The young fella who created FACEBOOK, got very rich, and turned people into friends

By the way...
I am color-blind, so I made Facebook mostly blue because I can't tell the difference between red and green.

All about me

- **BORN:** 1984
- **NATIONALITY:** American
- **FACTOID:** Facebook's first head office was in my bedroom.
- **ANOTHER FACTOID:** Facebook was originally called "The Facebook."
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I was born in White Plains, New York and I was very good at science at school.

Whiz kid

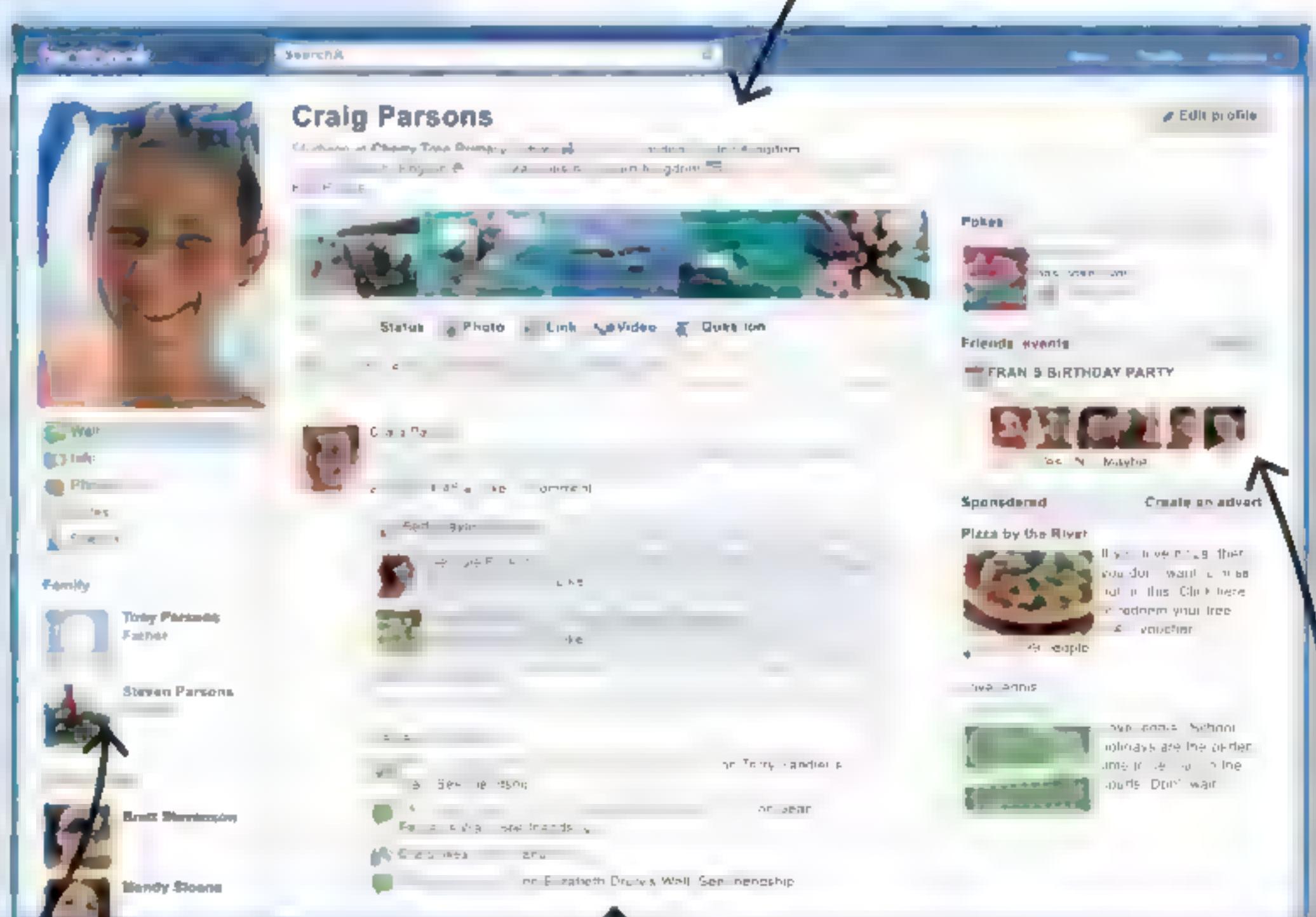
When Mark was 12, he created a messaging program called "ZUCKNET," and while he was at high school he designed an online music program, called "Synapse." Then, at **Harvard University**, he invented "Facemash," which allowed people to **compare student's faces** and rate how attractive they were.

Profile: Build your page so your friends can find out more about you.

Face of success

In 2004, Mark created FACEBOOK, which allowed users to create their own profiles, upload photos, and **communicate with their friends**. To start with, the website was just for students at Harvard, but Mark and his friends soon **expanded** to include other universities and then everyone all around the world.

Friends: Use the menu to see a list of all of your friends.



Wall: This is where you keep up to date with friends, and post messages and photos.

Events: Tell people about an upcoming birthday party using the events page.

thoughtful





When this brainy bunch put their thinking caps on, they came up with some new and very influential ideas. Some tried to figure out how the world works, while others decided to do something about suffering and injustice. Whether philosophers, religious leaders, human rights activists, or conservationists, these trailblazers all gave us something to think about.

Confucius

The Chinese PHILOSOPHER who accidentally started a new religion

Confucius taught China's rulers to take better care of their people. His simple yet powerful ideas still influence governments today.

Scraping a living

Confucius was born in 551 BCE near Qufu, China. His once rich aristocratic family had fallen on **HARD TIMES**, so Confucius did many things to earn a living, including working as a shepherd and bookkeeper.



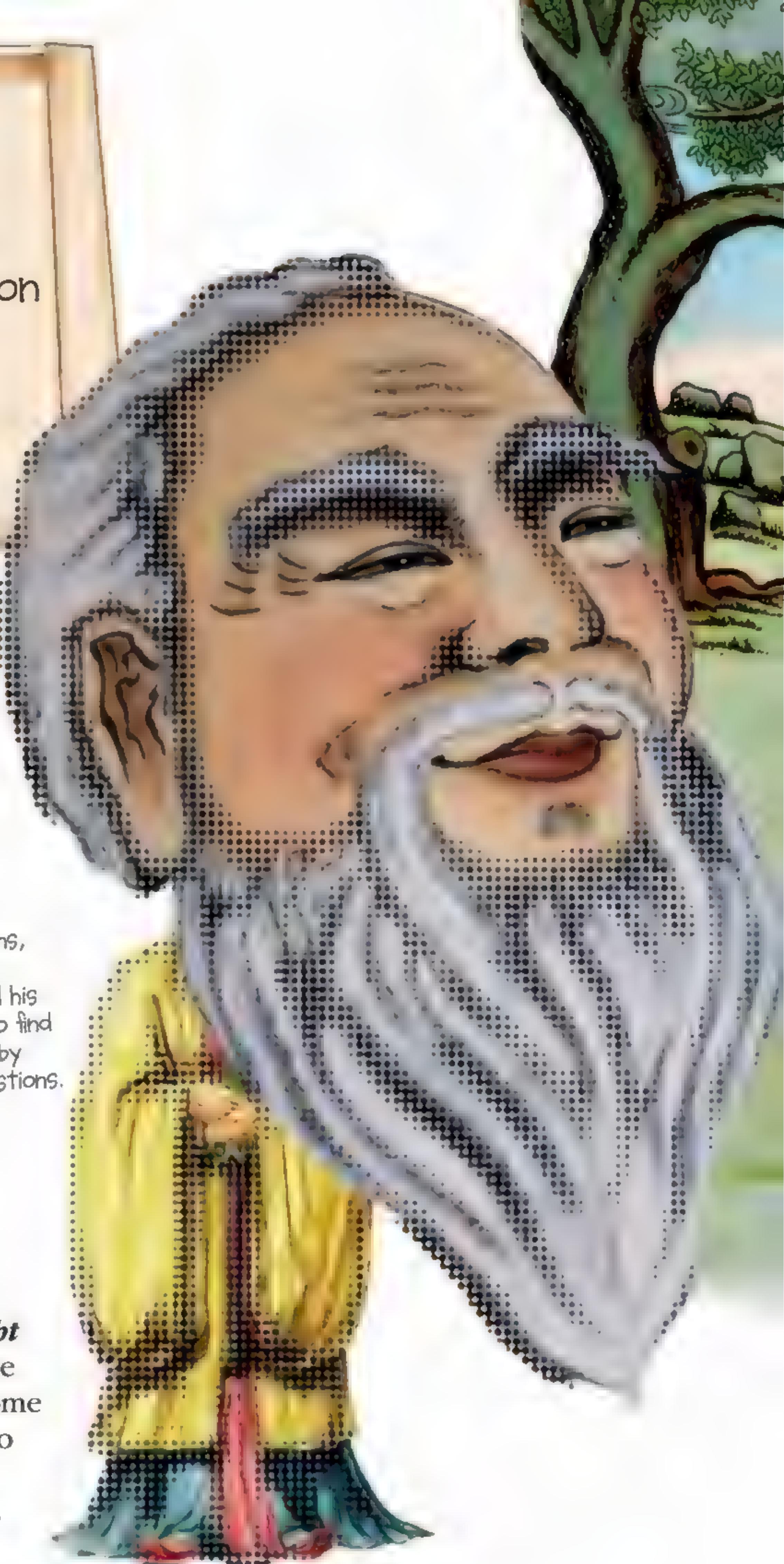
In his lessons, Confucius encouraged his students to find knowledge by asking questions.

Path to knowledge

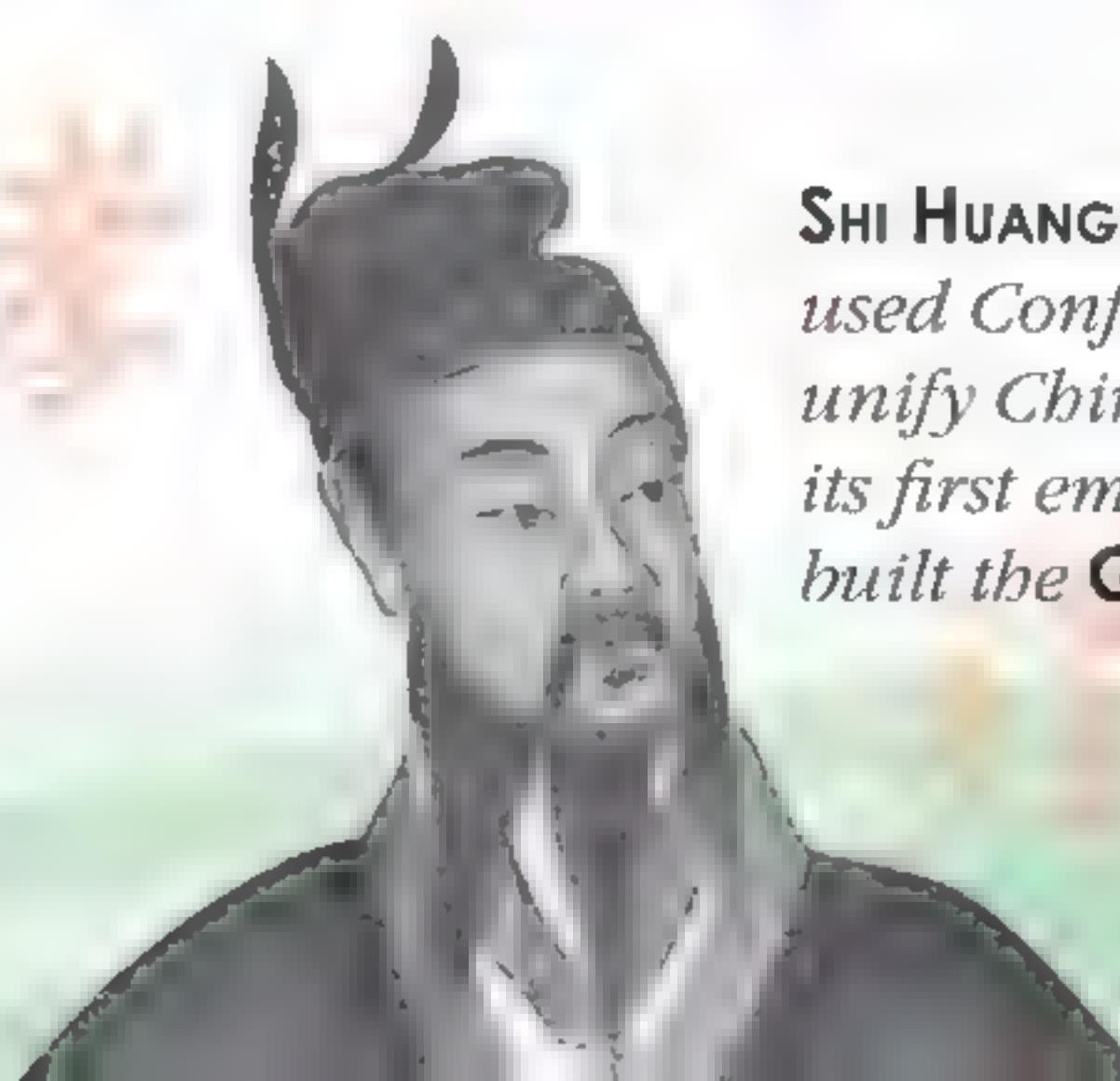
Confucius began teaching when he was about 30 years old. He believed that **everyone had the right to education** no matter what their social standing. He opened a **SCHOOL** in his home and even allowed some of his poorer students to live with him. Confucius also worked as a minor official in the state of Lu, but he quickly became **concerned** about what he saw there.

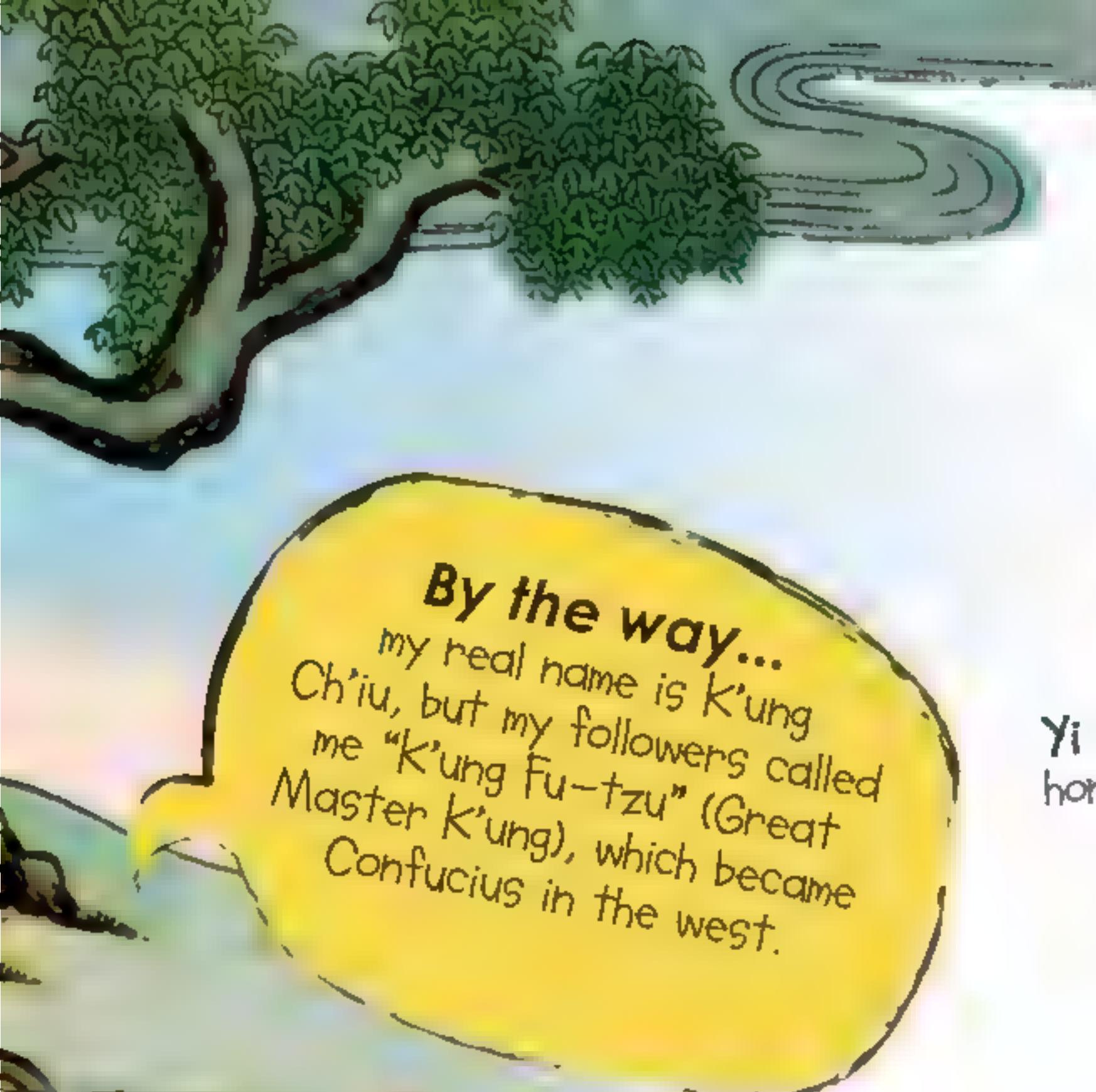
He paved the way for...

The philosopher **MENCIUS** (390–305 BCE) developed Confucius's teachings, and declared that people had the **RIGHT TO OVERTHROW AN UNJUST RULER**.



SHI HUANGDI (259–210 BCE), used Confucius's ideas to unify China and become its first emperor. He also built the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA**.





By the way...
my real name is K'ung Ch'iu, but my followers called me "K'ung Fu-tzu" (Great Master K'ung), which became Confucius in the west.



During his travels around China, Confucius attracted a following of students and disciples.

義
Yi is the virtue of honesty and integrity.

禮
Li is the virtue of correct behavior and propriety.

仁
Ren is the virtue of charity and humanity.

智
Zhi is the virtue of knowledge and learning.

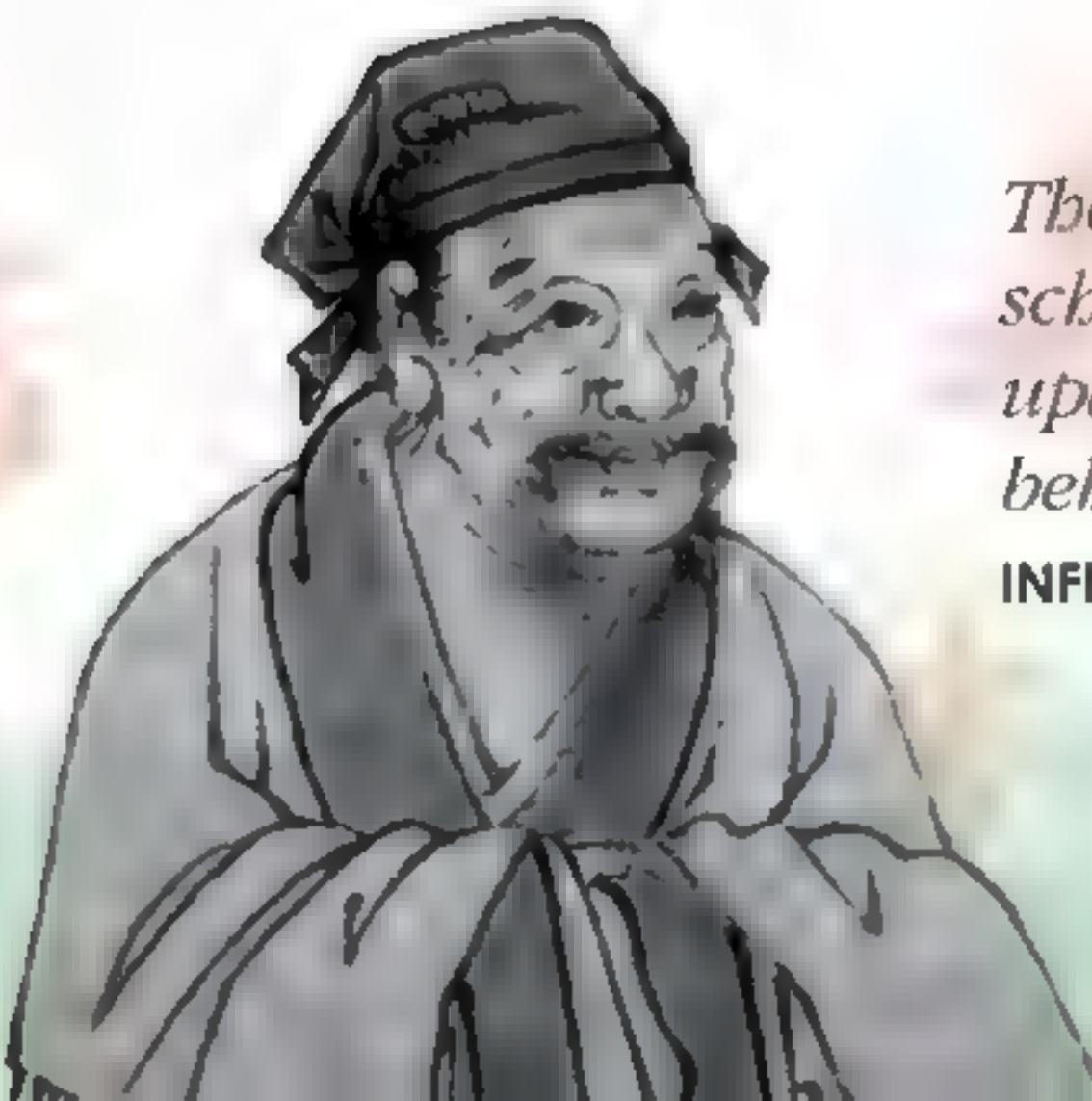
信
Xin is the virtue of faithfulness and loyalty.

Leading by example

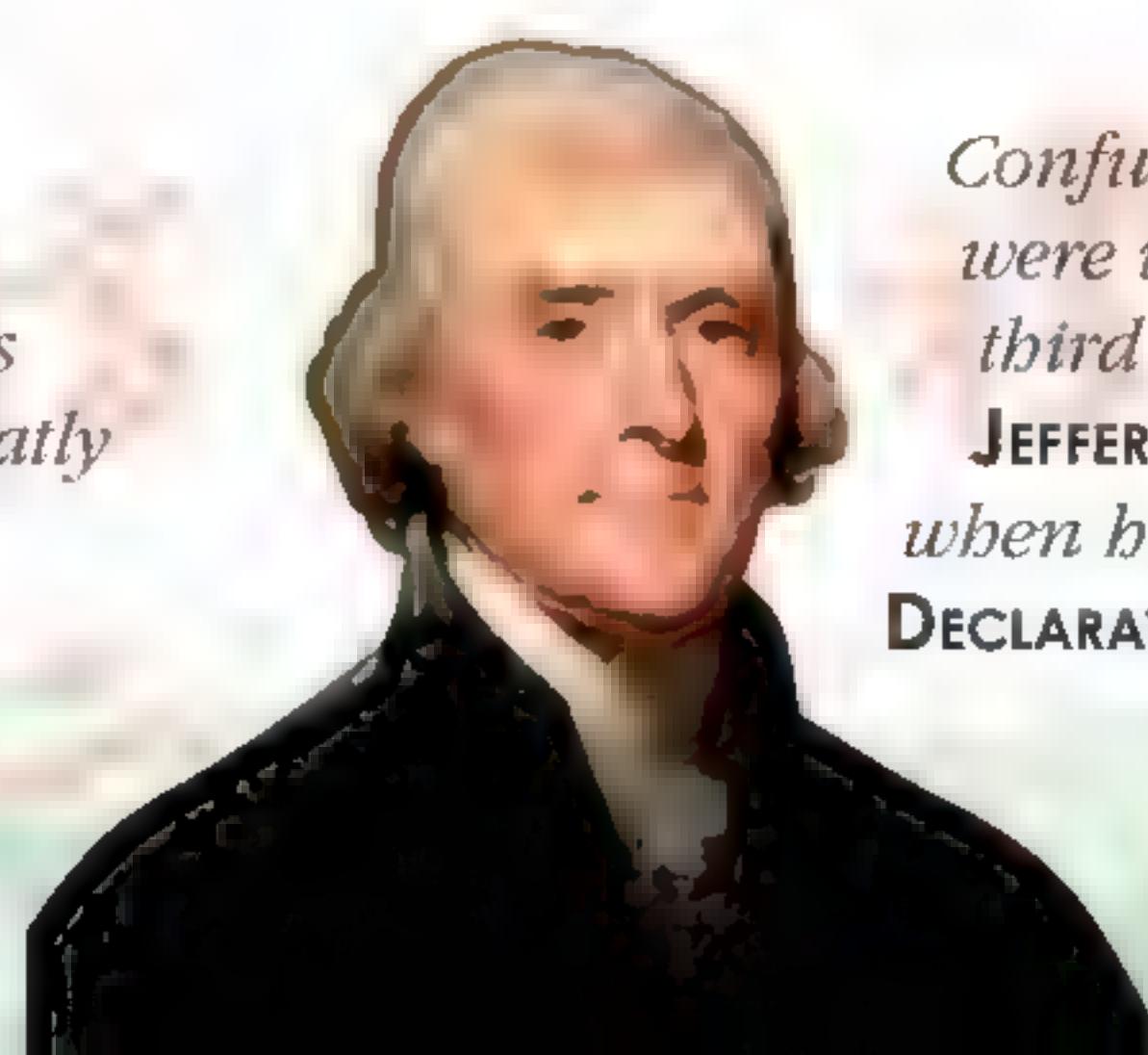
Confucius realized that government **corruption was everywhere**. Rulers did as they pleased, even testing new weapons on their servants. He developed a new moral code, called the **"FIVE VIRTUES."** He believed that for a society to be happy and prosperous, you need a good government run by good officials. He left his post as an official and spent 12 years traveling, teaching, and gathering students and disciples. He became a minister in the state of Lu, and used his methods to virtually **eliminate crime** and unrest.

The accidental religion

By 136 BCE, Confucius's teachings became the state religion of China, known as Confucianism. For more than 2,000 years all Chinese officials had to pass an exam based on his ideas. Even today, many of the world's governments and religions are still influenced by his philosophies.



The Chinese philosopher and scholar **ZHU XI** (1130–1200 CE) updated and added to the ideas behind Confucianism, and greatly **INFLUENCED CHINESE GOVERNMENT.**



Confucius's philosophies were used by America's third president **THOMAS JEFFERSON** (1743–1826) when he drafted America's **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.**

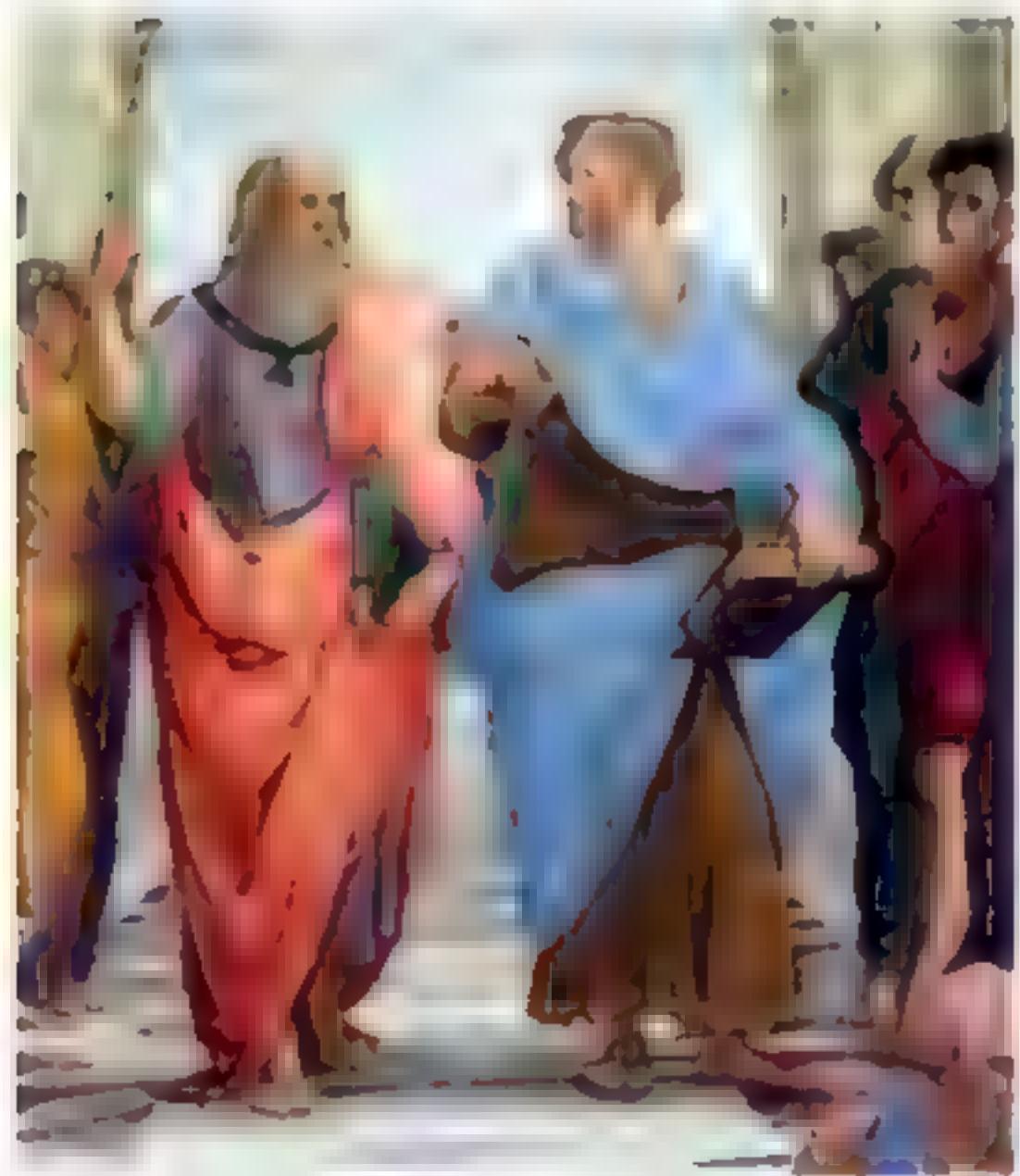
Aristotle

The philosopher who tried to
MAKE SENSE of the world

This Greek philosopher was
a student of Plato, and the teacher
of Alexander the Great. He is also
considered to be the father of
the modern scientific method.

Thirst for knowledge

Aristotle was born in Stageira, Greece, in 384 BCE. His father, Nicomachus, was the **personal doctor** to King Amyntas of Macedon. Had his father not died when Aristotle was 10, he would have **followed his father's trade**, but instead he became interested in the pursuit of **KNOWLEDGE**.



Student and teacher

Aristotle (in blue) joined Plato's **Academy** in Athens when he was 17. Seen in red, Plato (429–347 BCE)—a student of the philosopher Socrates (469–399 BCE)—made his academy the center of learning in Greece. Aristotle stayed there for 20 years, but when Plato died he left Athens, and, in 342 BCE, he traveled to Macedon to tutor **Alexander the Great**. He returned to Athens in 335 BCE, and started his own school, the **LYCEUM**.

He paved the way for...

Aristotle's successor at the Lyceum, **THEOPHRASTUS** (371–287 BCE), pioneered the **SCIENCE OF BOTANY**, and influenced scientists for more than 2,000 years.



The Muslim philosopher **AL-KINDI** (801–873 CE) was inspired by Aristotle's work, and led a revolution in Muslim science and thinking.

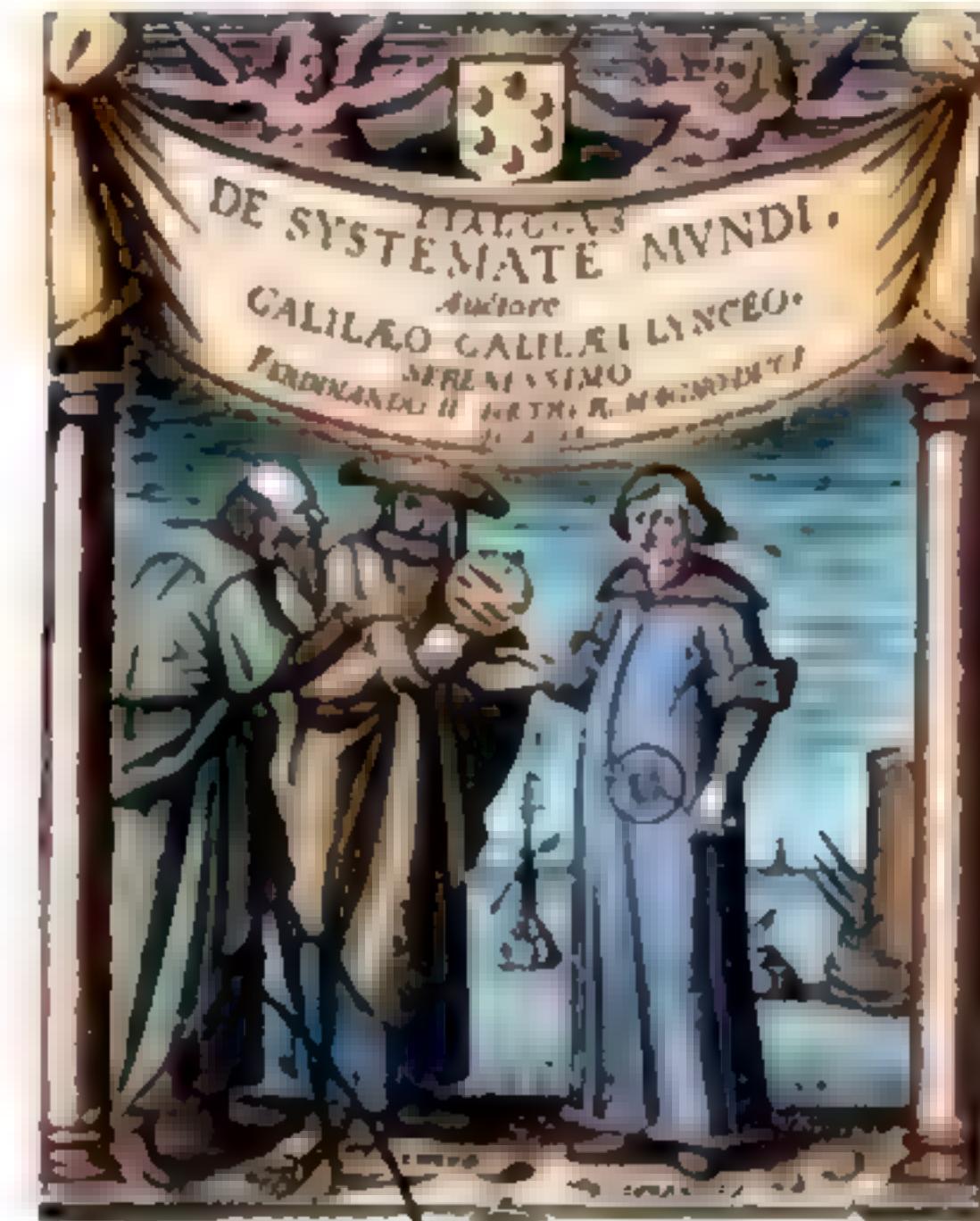
Searching for order

Aristotle used **Socrates's method of logic** to try and figure out how the world worked. He tried to **classify plants and animals** in a way that would make sense. For example, he grouped animals that seemed similar into two groups: those with red blood and those without red blood. He then divided those groups into **SPECIES**.

Aristotle stuttered when he spoke

Great thinker

Aristotle wrote about **DIFFERENT SUBJECTS**, from poetry and theater, to ethics and politics. He used his system of logic to organize different **types of governments**, classifying monarchies, tyrannies, democracies, and republics, which we still use today. However, he also **made mistakes**. He thought that the Universe is a sphere with Earth in its center, and it wasn't until Copernicus (1473–1543) and Galileo (1564–1642) that this idea was questioned.



This picture by Galileo in 1635 shows Aristotle (left) discussing astronomy with Ptolemy (90–160 CE) in the center and Copernicus (right).

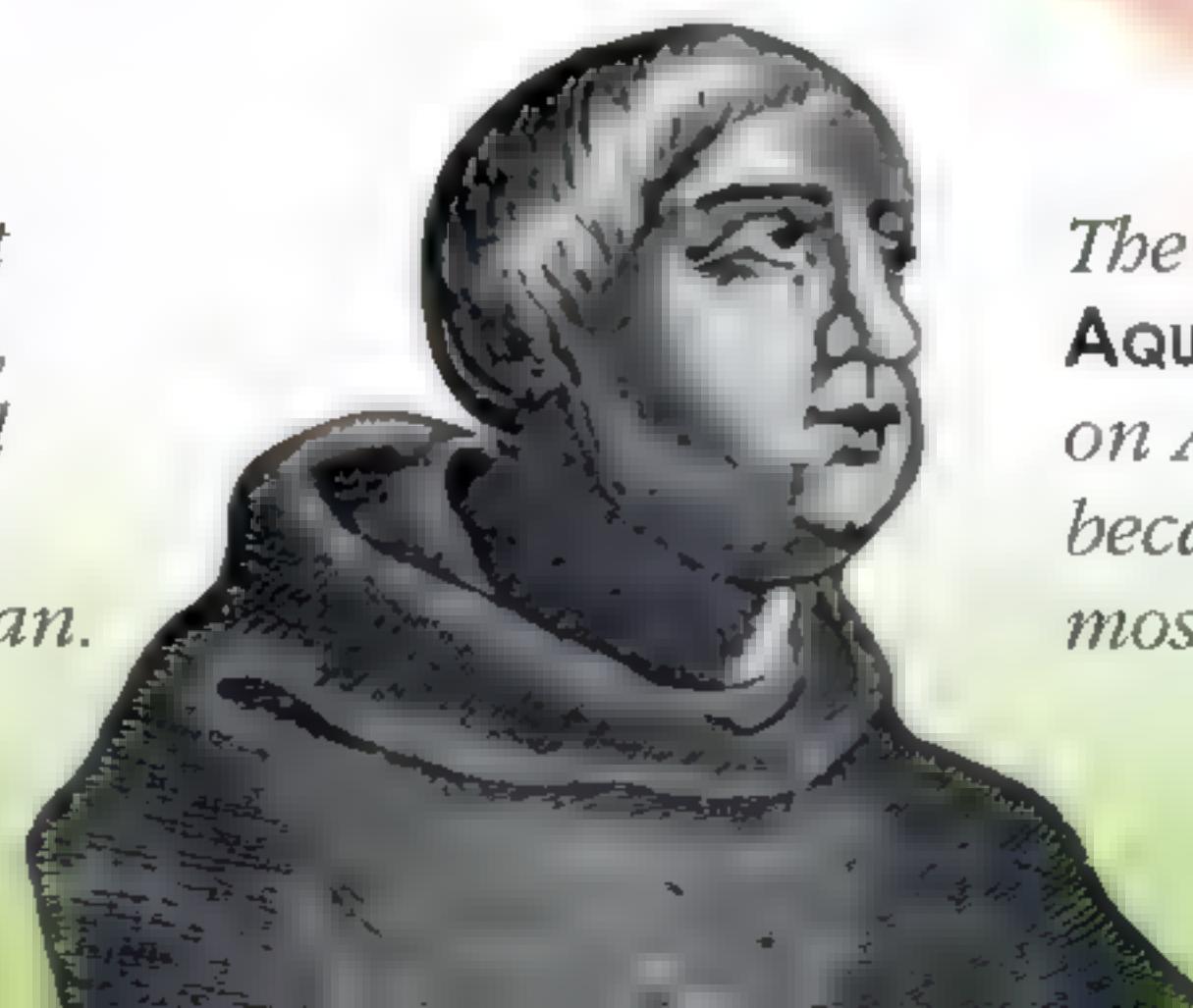
Did you know?

Aristotle is remembered as a great thinker in many areas, but he didn't think much of women. He branded them second-class citizens, unfit for any legal or political rights.

Pioneer of science

Aristotle wrote more than 200 books. He pioneered the use of logic instead of mysticism, and founded the science of zoology. He also paved the way to the creation of the modern scientific method, which emphasizes observation and experimentation.

At a time when Aristotle was out of favor among Islamic thinkers, AVERROES (1126–1198) defended Aristotle's work and became a great scientist and mathematician.



The Italian priest THOMAS AQUINAS (1225–1274) built on Aristotle's ideas, and became one of the West's most influential philosophers.

Karl Marx

The man who thought society should be different, and put the REVOLT into revolting peasants



In 1867, Marx published his ideas in the book "Das Kapital."

The people revolt

Marx's teachings had their first great triumph during the **Russian Revolution**. In 1917, Russia's lower classes **overthrew the Russian royal family**. The country's new leader, Vladimir Lenin, based his government on Marx's ideas and created a proletarian dictatorship (a country ruled by the lower classes). In 1922, Russia became the **SOVIET UNION**.

All about me

- **BORN:** 1818
- **DIED:** 1883
- **NATIONALITY:** German
- **FACTOID:** I died before my ideas were widely recognized.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I was born in Trier, Germany. I started off as a journalist, but had some radical ideas about how people should live.

A new society

Marx believed that **capitalist societies** (where people work to maximize profit) were run by the rich **for their own benefit**, and the lower classes could only suffer. He came up with a new idea for a classless society. In this type of society, everyone would have a fair share of the goods and wealth produced. This became known as **COMMUNISM**.



All about me

- BORN: 1856
- DIED: 1939
- NATIONALITY: Austrian
- FACTOID: The Nazis hated my ideas so much that they burned my books.
- IN A NUTSHELL: I was the oldest of eight children, but I'm sure that I was my mother's favorite.

Sigmund Freud

The psychologist that got inside his patients' MINDS, and tried to unlock the mysteries of dreams



Talk therapy

Freud believed that things that happened during a person's childhood **can have an effect** on their adult life. He came up with a technique called **PSYCHOANALYSIS**, in which a person would **talk about events** from their past. Freud would then interpret those events to get to the root of the problem.

Freud's patients would lie on a couch during sessions.



All about me

- **BORN:** 1805
- **DIED:** 1881
- **NATIONALITY:** Jamaican
- **FACTOID:** I was awarded medals by Britain, France, and Turkey.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** My father was a Scottish soldier and my mother was black, which made me mixed race.

By the way...
when I returned to England, I was penniless and sick, so a benefit festival was organized to raise money for me.

Mary Seacole

A pioneering NURSE who, like Florence Nightingale, cared for soldiers in the Crimean War, but got less recognition

The determined nurse

Mary learned medicine from her mother, who cared for wounded soldiers. In 1853, when she heard about a *shortage of nurses* in the Crimean War, she went to London to volunteer. She was turned down—possibly because of her race—but Mary was certain that she could help, so she traveled to CRIMEA (in eastern Europe) anyway.



Mother Seacole

With no money, she built a hospital with salvaged driftwood, old packing cases, and sheets of iron, which became a *home for sick soldiers*. During the fighting, she even visited battlefields to nurse the wounded. Her immense BRAVERY and nursing skills made her as famous as Nightingale, who looked down on Mary's low social status and mixed-race background. Her patients called her Mother Seacole.

All about me

- BORN: 1910
- DIED: 1997
- NATIONALITY: Albanian
- FACTOID: My real name is Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.
- IN A NUTSHELL: I heard stories about Christian missionaries as a child and decided that was what I wanted to do.

Mother Teresa

The CATHOLIC NUN who spent 45 years caring for the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying



The Missionaries

Teresa was horrified by the *poverty and suffering* she saw on the streets when she was teaching in **Kolkata** (formerly known as Calcutta), India. She started a new order, called the Missionaries of Charity, who took in the sick and dying (including lepers) and cared for them. She also created many **ORPHANAGES**.



International recognition

Teresa's service to humanity drew worldwide recognition. She received **124 awards** for her charitable work and was given the **NOBEL PEACE PRIZE** in 1979. When she died, the Missionaries of Charity had 610 missions in 123 countries, which care for the sick, dying, and orphaned, and *feed and educate the poor*.



By the way...
I was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003, which is the first step to becoming a saint.

By 17, Teresa knew that she wanted to be a nun

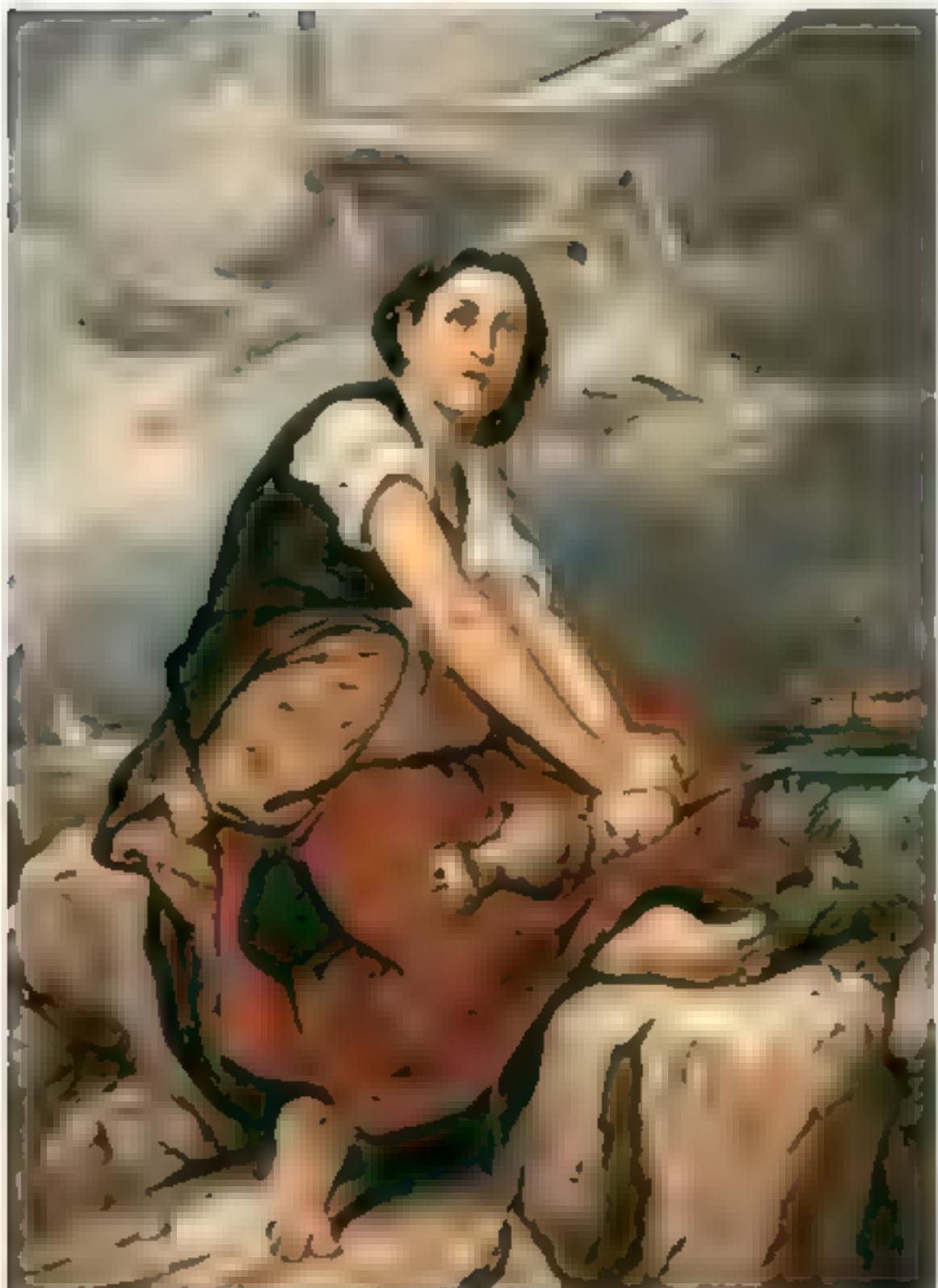
Joan of Arc

The TEENAGER who defied the English

Most teenagers complain about having to clean their room, but, at the age of 17, Joan took command of the French army and fought against the English.

Peasant girl

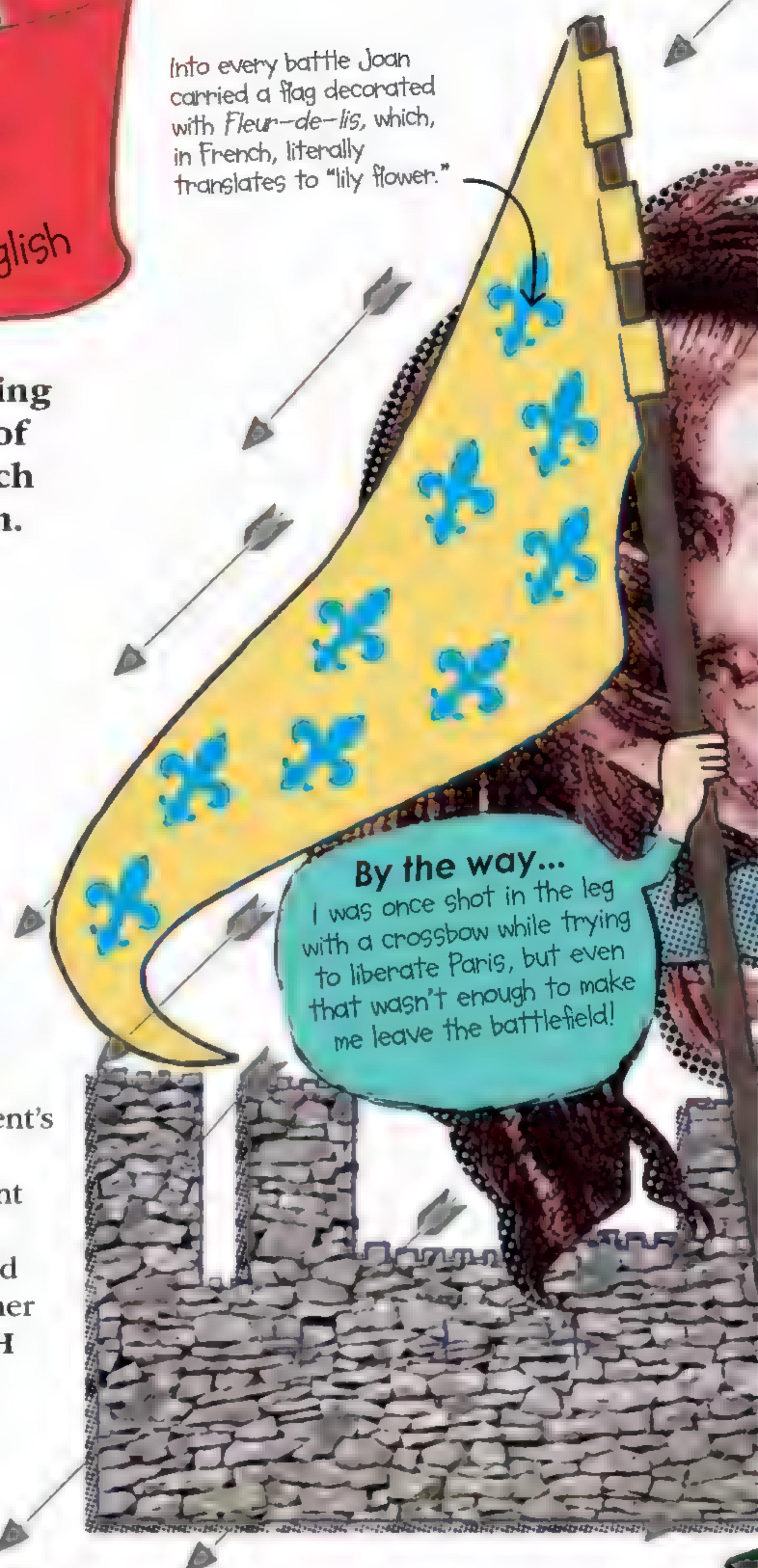
Joan of Arc was born in the French hamlet of Domrémy in 1412. Her parents were **peasant farmers** so Joan didn't go to school. When she was nine, her home region was **RAIDED** by the English. From that day on, Joan **hated** them.



Strange visitors

One day, when Joan was just 12, she claimed she was working on her parent's fields when she saw something **unusual**. Saint Michael, Saint Catherine, and Saint Margaret turned up in the field and told her to **DRIVE THE ENGLISH OUT** of France.

Into every battle Joan carried a flag decorated with *Fleur-de-lis*, which, in French, literally translates to "lily flower."



She couldn't have done it without...

The future French king, **CHARLES VII** (1403–1461) gave Joan command of the French army in 1429.





Teenage warrior

Not wanting to disobey a **heavenly vision**, Joan talked her way into the French army when she was 17 years old. After persuading the French ruler, the Dauphin Charles, to support her, she was given command of the army, rescued the city of Orléans from an **English siege**, and went on to lead the army to a series of **SPECTACULAR** victories.

End of the road

Joan's luck ran out when she was **captured** in battle at Compiègne and sold to the English. She was put on trial for heresy and found **guilty**. In 1431, at the age of 19, she was **BURNED** at the stake at Rouen, France.



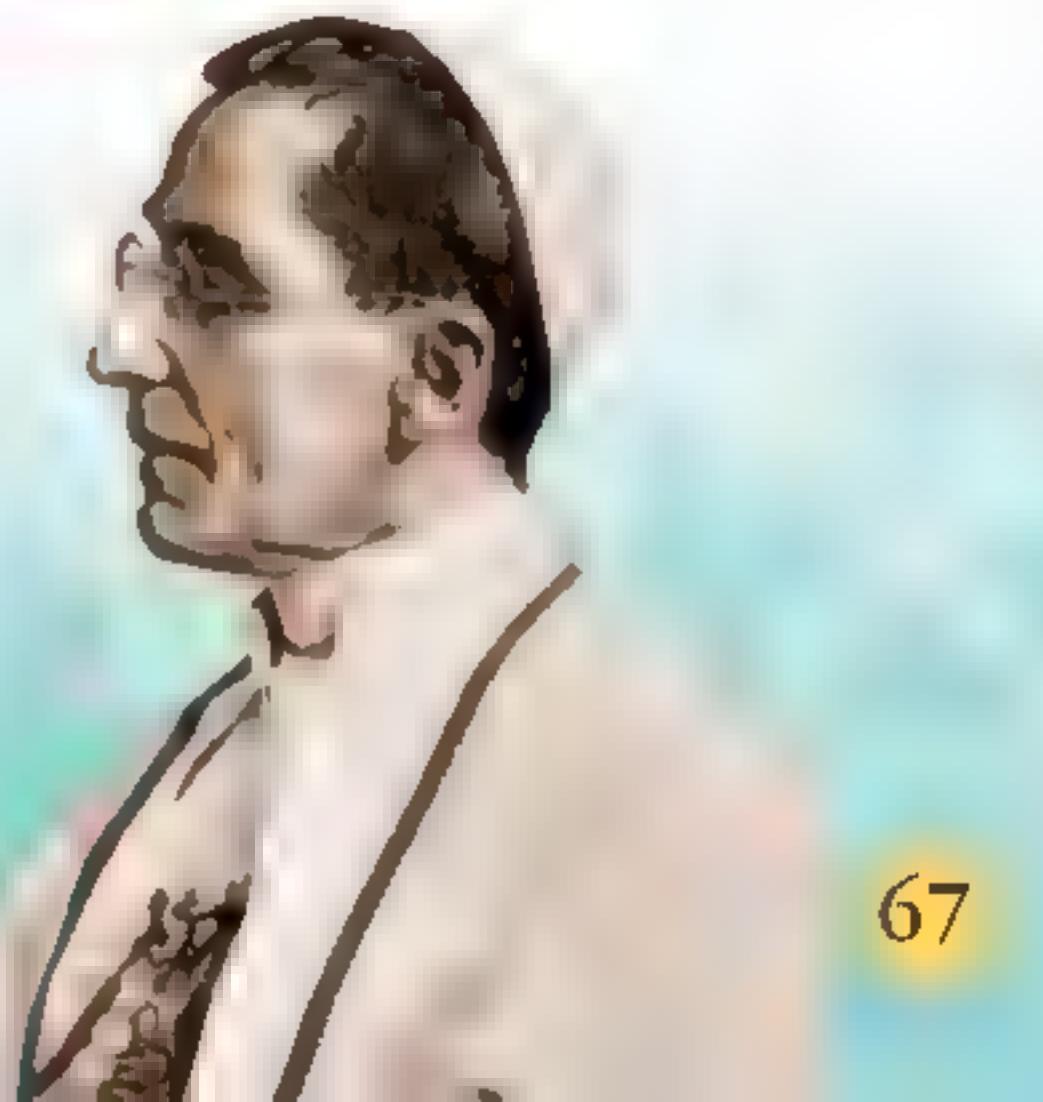
National hero

Even if you don't believe in heavenly visitations, Joan's story is pretty impressive. Her actions helped to give France a sense of national pride, and women all over the world see her as a **source of inspiration**.

Did you know?
Pope Callixtus III declared that Joan was innocent 25 years after her execution, and then proclaimed her a martyr.

In 1429, the Italian poet **CHRISTINE DE PIZAN** (1363–c.1430) wrote the first poem about Joan's achievements, adding to Joan's legendary status.

In 1920, **POPE BENEDICT XV** (1854–1922) declared Joan of Arc a saint. Today, she is a very popular saint in the Catholic Church.



Martin Luther King

The champion of race EQUALITY

King was an American clergyman who became the voice of black Americans and the leader of the civil rights movement.

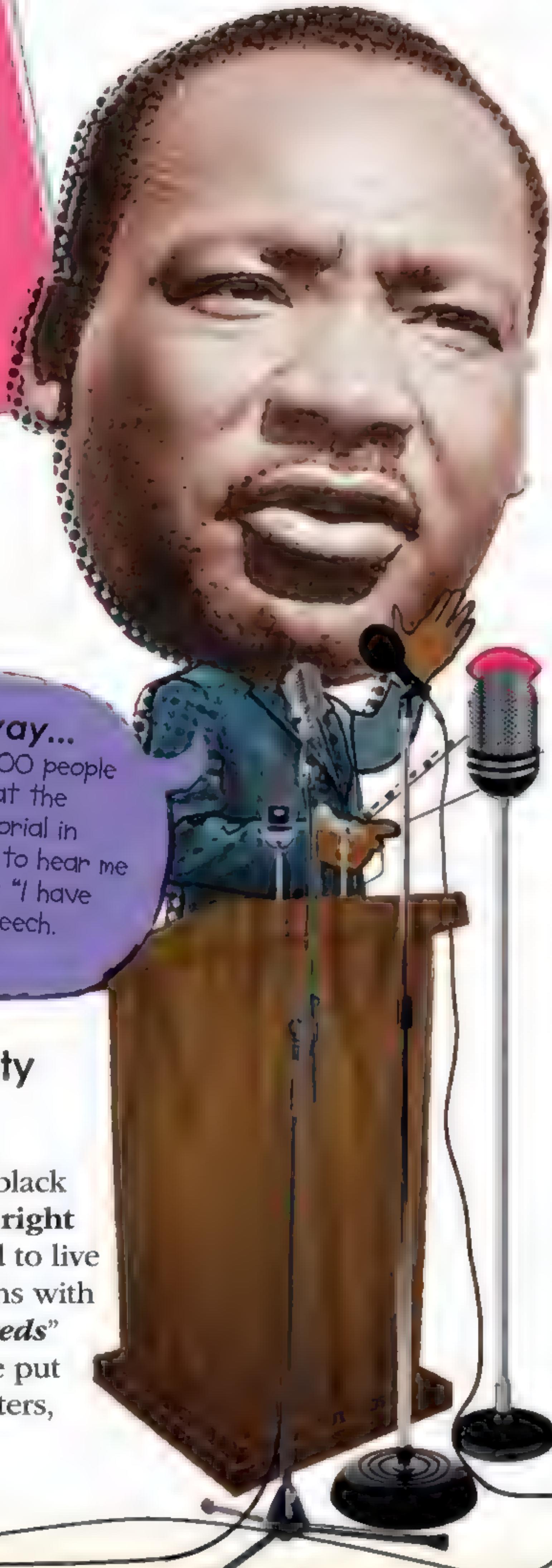
From pastor to protestor

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929, and trained to be a **Baptist minister**. However, in 1955, when a black woman, Rosa Parks, was arrested for **refusing to give up her seat on a bus** to a white man, he took the lead in the **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**, and fought for equal rights for black people.



The divided society

America in the 1950s was a time of **RACIAL SEGREGATION**. Many black people were denied the **right to vote**, and were forced to live in separate housing. Signs with messages such as "**coloreds**" and "**whites only**" were put up in parks, toilets, theaters, and water fountains.



He couldn't have done it without...

The 16th American President ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1809–1865) put an END TO SLAVERY in America.



Fighting for a dream

After Rosa Parks was arrested, King led a boycott of the bus system. He organized **mass protests**, which, although they were peaceful, were attacked, and King was arrested and imprisoned. After being released, he led a **huge march** on Washington in 1963, where he delivered a speech, famous for the words: "**I HAVE A DREAM** that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

In his speech, King called for an end to discrimination.



A bitter end

King's ideas were very unpopular among many white Americans. His house was **firebombed**, and he was arrested **more than 30 times**. On April 4, 1968, he was shot and **KILLED** by an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee. His death set off riots in more than 100 American cities.



King is buried with his wife near his childhood home.

King's dream comes true
The march on Washington in 1963, and King's stirring speech, made civil rights something that politicians could no longer ignore. In 1964, race discrimination was made illegal. The same year, King became the youngest person to date to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

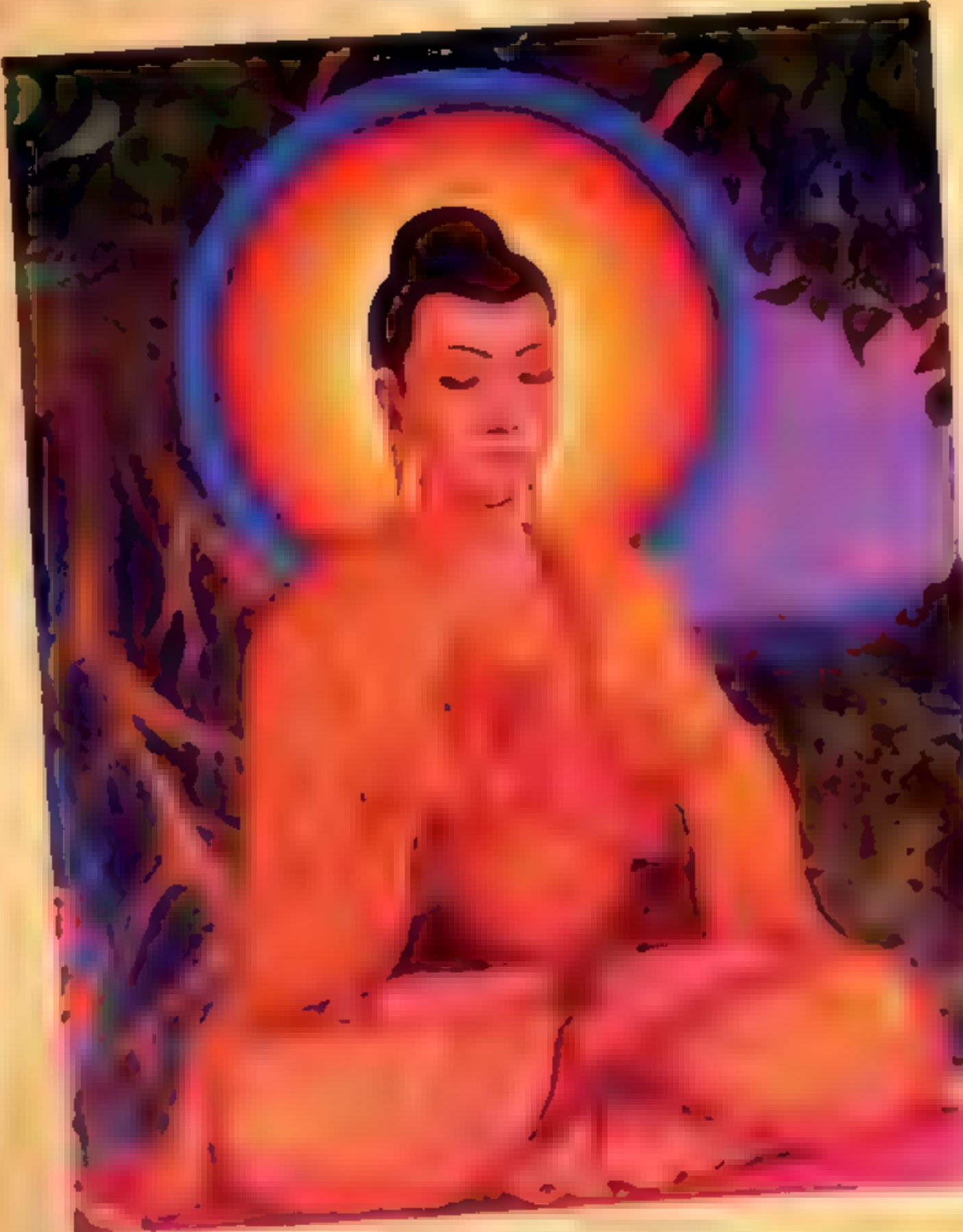
ROSA PARKS (1913–2005) became a symbol of the civil rights movement after she refused to give up her bus seat.



King was inspired by the peaceful protests, led by **MAHATMA GANDHI** (1869–1948), against British rule of India.

Religious leaders

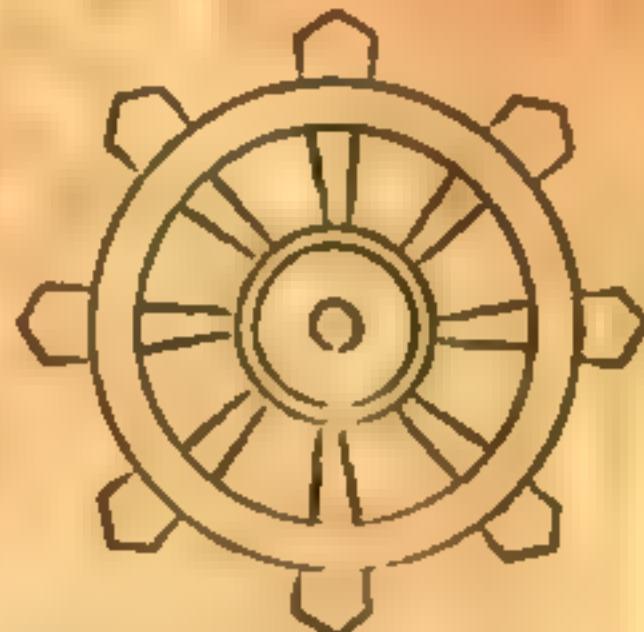
New INSIGHTS into the meaning of life



Gautama Buddha

(563–483 BCE)

Growing up in a palace in modern-day Nepal, Gautama discovered the world was filled with the old, sick, and dying. He set out to **find the answer to human suffering** and experienced “enlightenment,” knowledge of the truth about life. **BUDDHISTS** try to live a life of **kindness and morality**, detached from material desires.



The wheel represents the

eightfold path of Buddhism



Jesus

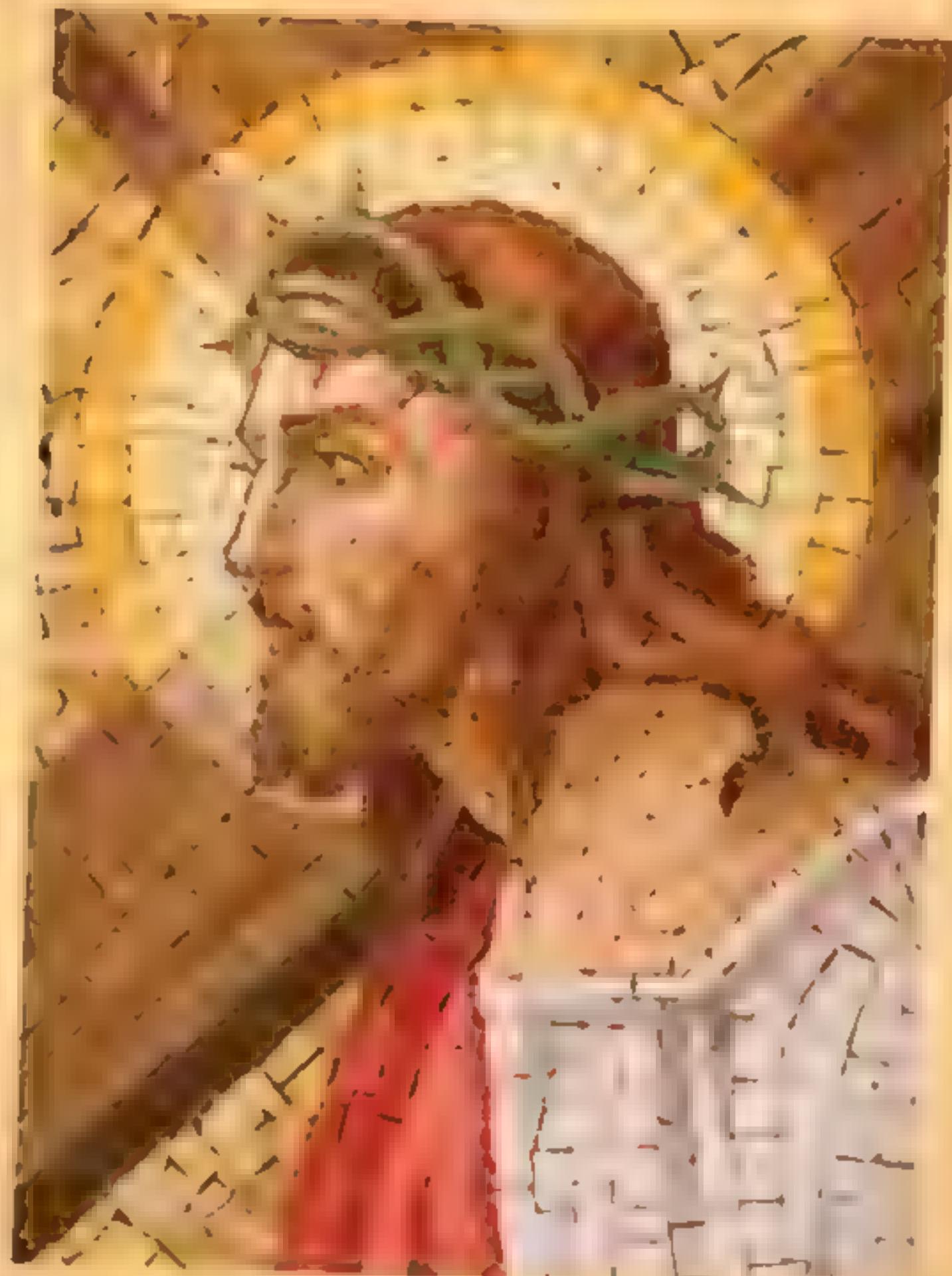
(4 BCE–30 CE)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem into the Jewish community living under the Roman Empire.

After his baptism by John the Baptist, he began preaching that the **reign of God** was about to begin. He healed the sick, **performed wonders**, and taught repentance and forgiveness. He was crucified as a troublemaker by the Roman authorities, but **CHRISTIANS** believe he rose from the dead and lives eternally.

This fish

was an early Christian secret symbol



Muhammad

(570–632 CE)

Muhammad grew up in Mecca, in modern-day Saudi Arabia. Muhammad taught that he received the direct word of God (or Allah in Arabic), the *Qur'an*, from the angel Gabriel, and that he was sent as the **prophet of Allah** to spread the message. Although he faced opposition at first, Muhammad succeeded in gathering a large following, and **ISLAM**, which means “submission to Allah” in Arabic, spread widely throughout the world.

Islam doesn't allow images of Muhammad—this is his name in Arabic.



→ The crescent Moon and star is the symbol of Islam

Guru Nanak

(1469–1539 CE)

Guru Nanak was born a Hindu in Nankana, in modern-day Pakistan.

Nanak **sought the truth about God**, and had an experience that he described as being taken to the court of God. From this experience, he set out to teach people that a **profound awareness of God** was more important than the customs of religions. His followers are called “**SIKHS**,” which means “disciples”.



→ The Khanda symbolizes God's universal and creative power

Emmeline Pankhurst

The woman who gave WOMEN a voice

At a time when women should be seen and not heard, Emmeline Pankhurst got herself seen, and she was certainly heard.

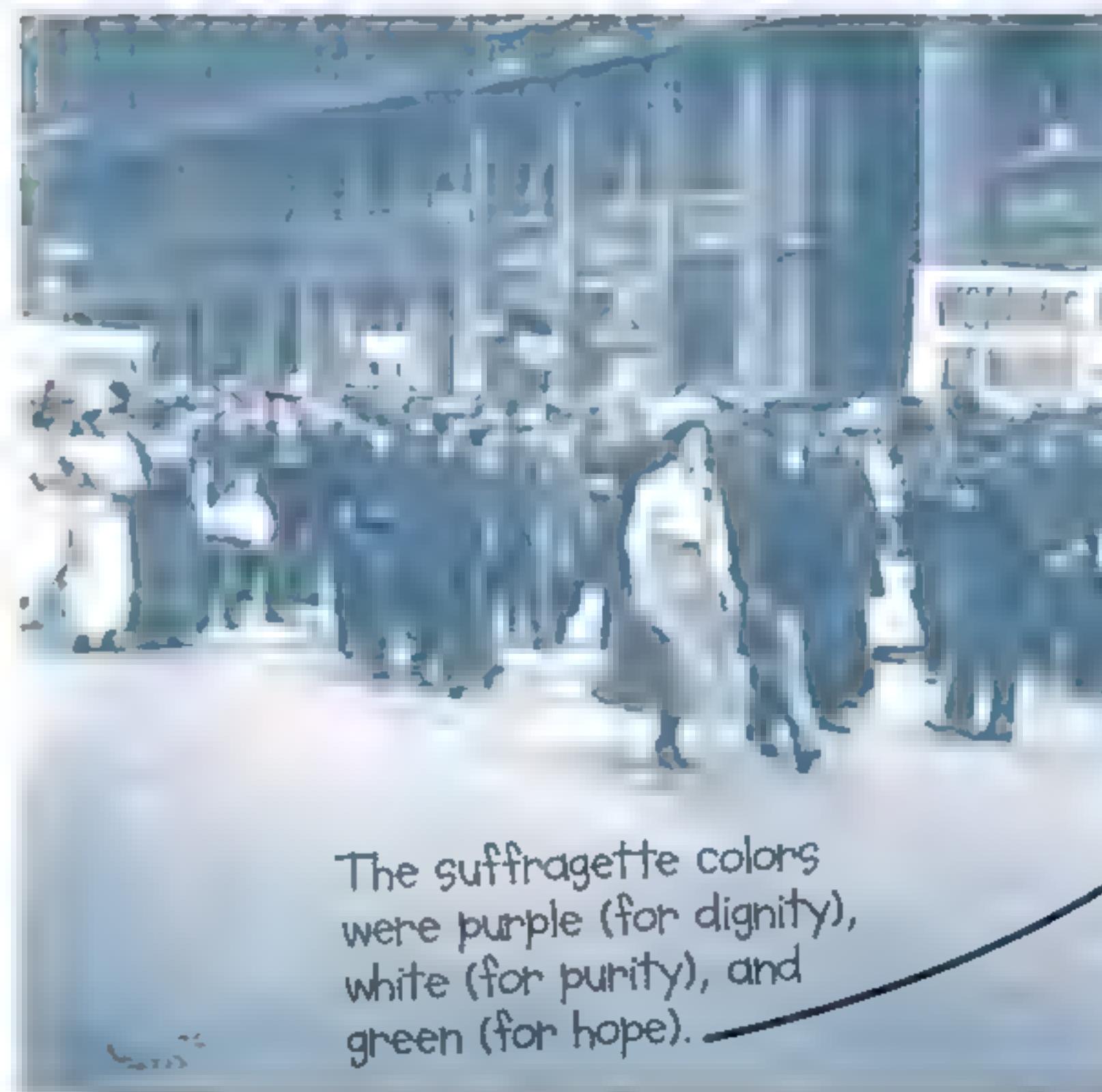
A fighting start

Emmeline was born in 1858 in Manchester, England. Her family had a history of **RADICAL POLITICS**, and her husband, Richard Pankhurst, a supporter of **women's rights**, wrote an act of parliament that allowed married women to keep their own property.

By the way...
not every country had to fight like we did. Women were given the vote in New Zealand in 1893, and in 1902 in Australia.

Taking a stand

In 1889, Emmeline founded the Women's Franchise League, who **campaigned for women** to have the right to vote in local elections. In 1903, Pankhurst helped to create the more aggressive Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). The WSPU soon had a **reputation for radical activities**. Its members were given the nickname "**SUFFRAGETTES**" as a joke by a newspaper.

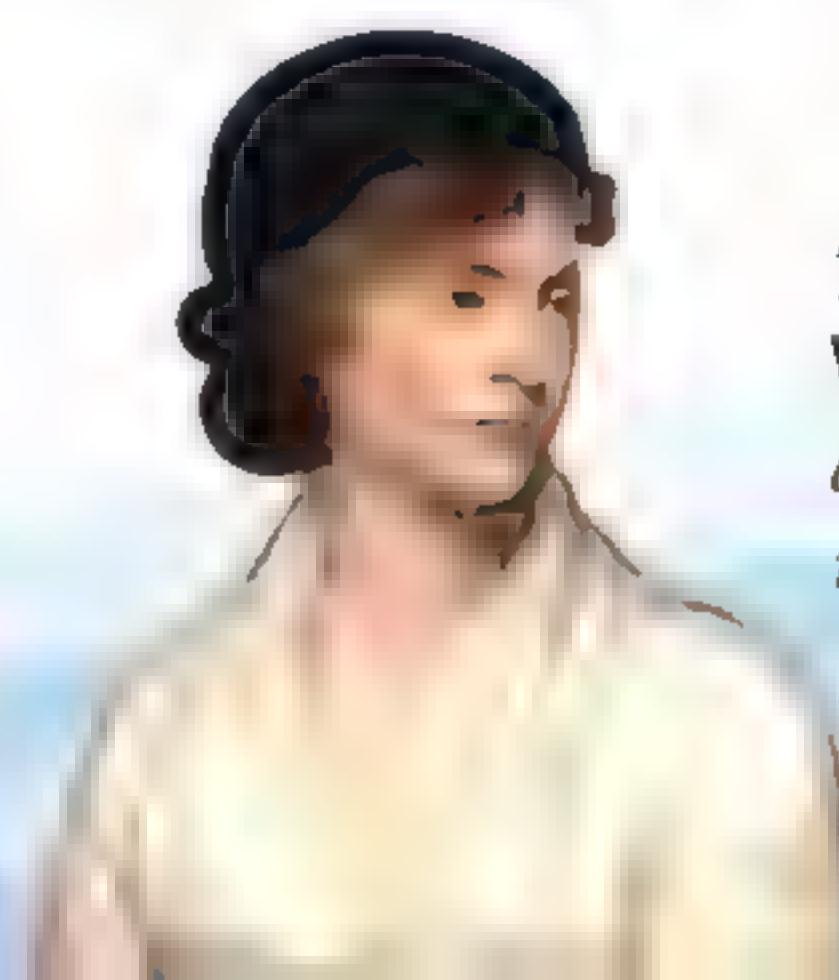


The suffragette colors were purple (for dignity), white (for purity), and green (for hope).

She couldn't have done it without...



NICHOLAS DE CODORCET
(1743–1794) and **OLYMPÉ DE GOUGES** (1748–1793)
argued for women's rights in France.



The English writer MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT (1759–1797) argued that women were not inferior to men.

A tough battle

Anything could happen when suffragettes demonstrated—they smashed windows, set fire to buildings, and held **hunger strikes**. Emmeline was **ARRESTED MANY TIMES** and went on hunger strike herself. In one protest, in 1913, a suffragette named Emily Davison was killed when she *threw herself under the king's horse* during a race.



Votes for Women



Success at last

During the First World War, Britain's men were away fighting, so **women had to take on their jobs**. In 1918, women over 30 were finally given **THE RIGHT TO VOTE**. Ten years later, just after Emmeline's death, they were allowed to vote at age 21, which was the same age as men.

Prison governors were ordered to force-feed suffragettes so they did not die in prison



A voice for women

Emmeline Pankhurst, and others like her, made sure that women have the same rights as men. Today, every woman in Britain has the right to vote at the age of 18. Women in the US were given the same rights in 1920.



KATE SHEPPARD (1847–1934)
led the call for women's suffrage in New Zealand, the first country to give it.



The American campaigner
SUSAN B. ANTHONY (1820–1906)
traveled the world giving speeches about women's rights.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The social **CAMPAIGNER** who is one of the most influential women of the 20th century

All about me

- **BORN:** 1884
- **DIED:** 1962
- **NATIONALITY:** American
- **FACTOID:** My husband was President of the United States.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** At 15, I was sent to finishing school near London, England, where my headmistress taught me the importance of independent thinking.

A first lady with a heart

Eleanor's husband, Franklin, was America's President from 1933 to 1945. During this time, she discussed her concerns and opinions in a **newspaper column**. She helped to create the **NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION (NYA)**, which helped young people—male and female—get training. During the Second World War she helped gather civilian volunteers and *visited American troops abroad*.

Eleanor wrote her popular newspaper column, "My Day," from 1935 to 1962.



Eleanor with the members of the Commission on Human Rights in 1946.



The UN ambassador

In 1946, Eleanor became the first chairperson of the **United Nations (UN) Human Rights Commission**. Two years later, she helped create the **"UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,"** which stated that everyone was entitled to the same freedoms and rights. She also supported the foundation of the State of Israel, and tried to **open negotiations** with the Soviet Union during the Cold War, a time of great political hostility between the Soviet Union and the United States.

All about me

- BORN: 1945
- NATIONALITY: Burmese
- FACTOID: I won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.
- ANOTHER FACTOID: My father, Aung San, was assassinated after helping to negotiate Burma's independence from Britain in 1947.
- IN A NUTSHELL: I was born in Rangoon, Burma. I studied at Oxford University in England, then became a housewife in London.

The fighting peacock on the NLD flag is a symbol of protest against the military government.

A symbol of hope

In 1988, Suu Kyi returned to Burma from her home in London to care for her mother. At the time, the country was **torn apart by violence**. The people were **demanding democracy**, but the ruling military party was using the army against them. Suu Kyi dared to stand up at a rally and **CALL FOR FREEDOM**.



Under house arrest

The same year (1988), she helped found the **National League for Democracy** (NLD), but a new military party (junta) had taken over and they placed Suu Kyi under **HOUSE ARREST** in 1989. Even though she couldn't attend, the NLD easily won the country's first election for 30 years, but the **junta refused to give up their power**, and Suu Kyi remained under house arrest until 2010.

Aung San Suu Kyi

The woman who fought for **FREEDOM** for the people of Burma

Jane Goodall

The champion of the CHIMPS

Jane Goodall spent **45** years studying chimpanzees in the wild, showing the world that chimps are far more like us than anyone before had imagined.

Out of Africa

Jane Goodall was born in London, England, in 1934. From a young age, she **DREAMED OF WORKING WITH ANIMALS** in the wild. At just 26 she traveled to Gombe National Park in East Africa to study chimpanzees. The paleontologist Louis Leakey funded Goodall's research, noting her **observational skills and patience**.



Meet the family

At first, Goodall had a very difficult time **interacting with the chimps** and they often fled when she approached them. However, after a few months, the chimps started to **ACCEPT HER PRESENCE** in their world.



She couldn't have done it without...

JOHN MUIR (1838–1914)
was an American adventurer and conservationist who set up the first **NATIONAL PARKS** in the United States.

Amazing discoveries

After many years watching and studying chimps, Jane realized how **similar they are to humans**. She saw that they have a social structure, look after their friends, and even

go to war. She also witnessed chimps **CREATING TOOLS** from rocks, twigs, branches, stems, and leaves.

These young chimpanzees are trying to make tools using rocks and twigs.



Did you know?
Chimps use chewed up leaves as a sponge to soak up water, and use twigs as tools to reach tasty bugs.

Monkey business

To help protect her hairy friends, in 1977 she founded the **Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education, and Conservation**. The group was set up to continue research into wild chimpanzees and to **PROTECT THEIR HOMES**.

A vet examines a protected chimpanzee on Ngamba Island, Uganda, a sanctuary associated with the Jane Goodall Institute.

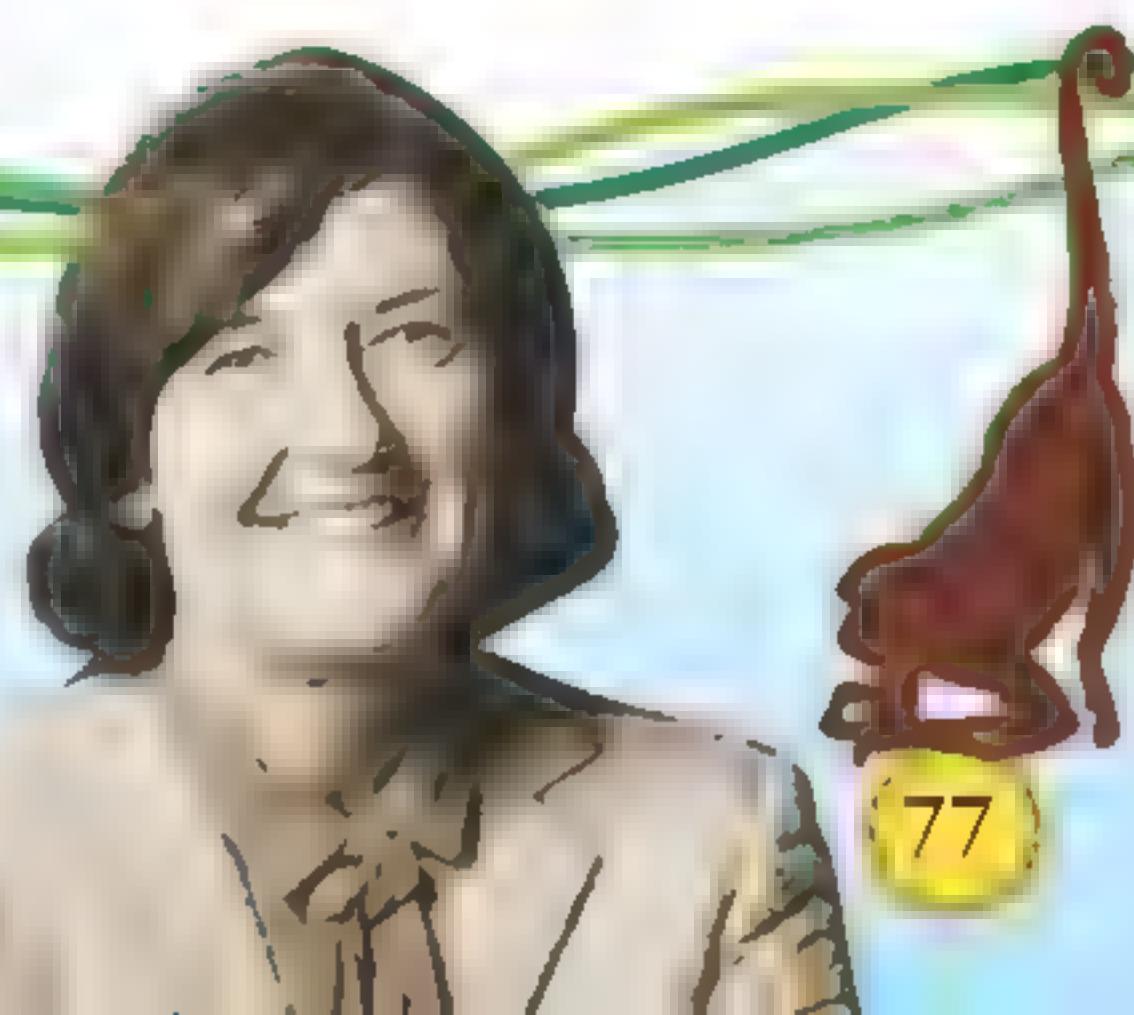
Great apes

Jane's work is now the longest continuous study of any animal in the wild. She has shown us how chimps have personalities, live in complex societies, and that they are not so very different to you and me.

An early promoter of **GLOBAL CONSERVATION** was the American marine biologist **RACHEL CARSON** (1907–1964).

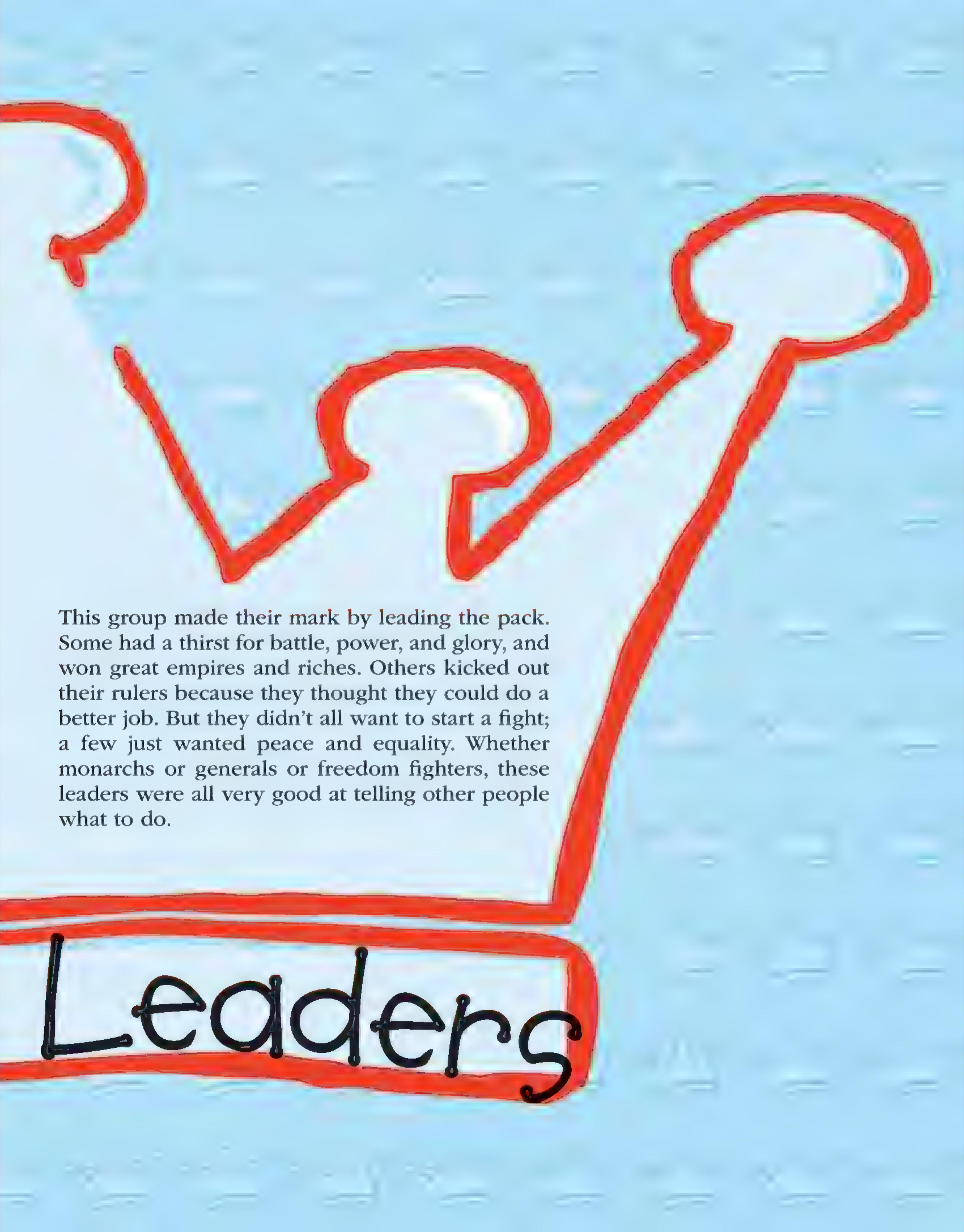


The American zoologist **DIAN FOSSEY** (1932–1985) studied **MOUNTAIN GORILLAS**, and was dedicated to protecting them.





leading



This group made their mark by leading the pack. Some had a thirst for battle, power, and glory, and won great empires and riches. Others kicked out their rulers because they thought they could do a better job. But they didn't all want to start a fight; a few just wanted peace and equality. Whether monarchs or generals or freedom fighters, these leaders were all very good at telling other people what to do.

Leaders

Alexander the Great

The UNSTOPPABLE conquering machine

In just 10 years, Alexander crushed the mighty Persian Empire, founded more than 70 cities, and created an empire more than 2 million sq miles (5 million sq km) in total size.



The impatient king

Alexander was born in the Greek kingdom of Macedon in 356 BCE. His father, King Phillip II, was **assassinated** in 336 BCE and so, at the age of 20, **Alexander became king**. After crushing a Greek uprising (they didn't much like Macedonian barbarians), he set off to conquer the huge **PERSIAN EMPIRE**.

He couldn't have done it without...

PHILLIP II (382–336 BCE) transformed Macedon into a great power, **REVOLUTIONIZED THE ARMY**, and made his son's conquests possible.

Alexander's tutor **ARISTOTLE** (384–322 BCE) wrote a book called **ON KINGSHIP** to try to teach his pupil how to be a good ruler.

The war machine

Alexander led his army to one victory after another. They swept across Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt before finally defeating the Persian king, Darius, at the **Battle of Gaugamela** in 331 BCE. At the age of 25, Alexander was **king of Macedonia**, leader of the Greeks, overlord of Asia Minor, pharaoh of Egypt, and “**GREAT KING**” of Persia. This map shows Alexander’s empire at its peak.



Master strategist

Alexander was a **BRILLIANT GENERAL**. At the Battle of Issus in 333 BCE, his **40,000 men faced 100,000 Persians** on ground that suited the enemy. Even though Alexander was wounded, **his army won the day**, and the Persian king, Darius III, had to flee.



BUCEPHALUS (355–326 BCE) was Alexander’s war horse, which he rode to some of his greatest victories. When he died, Alexander named a city, **BUCEPHALIA**, after him.



PTOLEMY (323–282 BCE) was Alexander’s close childhood friend and **LOYAL GENERAL**. When Alexander died, Ptolemy became pharaoh of Egypt.



The legend

Alexander was surrounded by many **MYTHS AND LEGENDS**. One legend says that he heard of a prophecy that foretold that whoever untied the (impossible) **Gordian knot** would rule all of Asia. Alexander’s solution was to simply hack through the knot with his sword. Another myth says he was the **son of Zeus**.

Did you know?

Alexander founded or renamed more than 70 cities—many of them were called “Alexandria,” after himself.

West meets East

Alexander died when he was just 32. However, his legacy includes a vast empire that spread western culture as far as India, and opened trade routes that would last for centuries.

Augustus Caesar

The first EMPEROR of Rome

As Rome's first emperor, Augustus had brushed aside hundreds of years of the Roman republican tradition and replaced it with a peaceful monarchy.

Young warrior

Augustus was originally called Octavian, and was born in Rome in 63 BCE. When his great-uncle **Julius Caesar** was assassinated in 44 BCE, his will named Augustus as his heir. Although he was only 18, Augustus raised an army and defeated Caesar's assassins. He then defeated his former ally, Mark Anthony, and **TOOK CONTROL OF ROME**.



Augustus used coins to spread his image.

First citizen of Rome

Romans hated the idea of being ruled by a king, so Augustus didn't make the same mistake as Julius, who became dictator and claimed **total power for himself**. Instead, Augustus called himself the "**FIRST CITIZEN**." He reorganized Rome's army, and made it more permanent. This ensured that he **stayed in control**, and also allowed him to expand the Roman Empire.

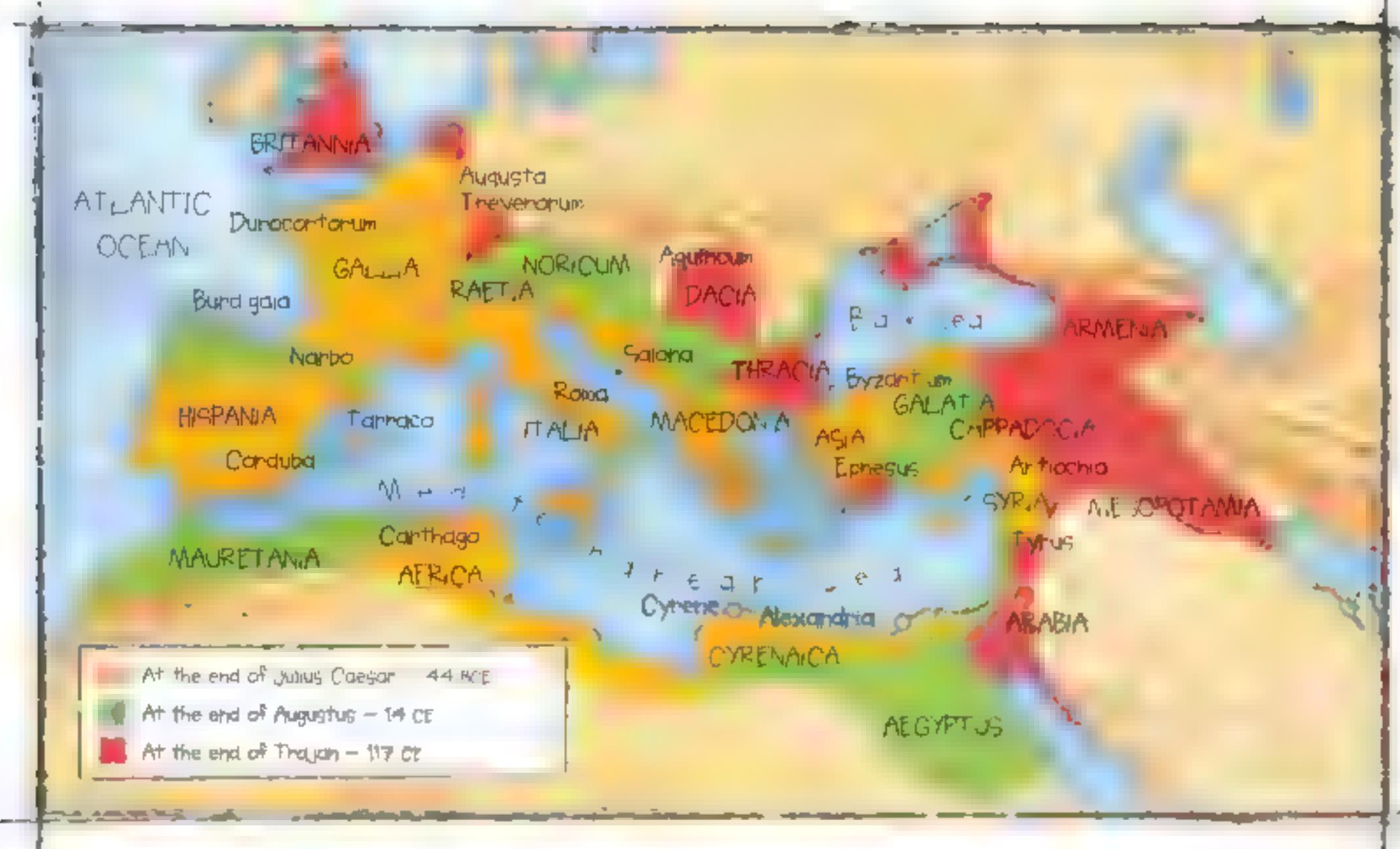
He couldn't have done it without...



ROME WAS FOUNDED IN 753 BCE. According to legend it was established by the twin brothers ROMULUS AND REMUS.



In 509 BCE, **LUCIUS JUNIUS BRUTUS** led the overthrow of Rome's king, **Lucius Tarquinius Superbus**, and **FOUNDED THE REPUBLIC**.



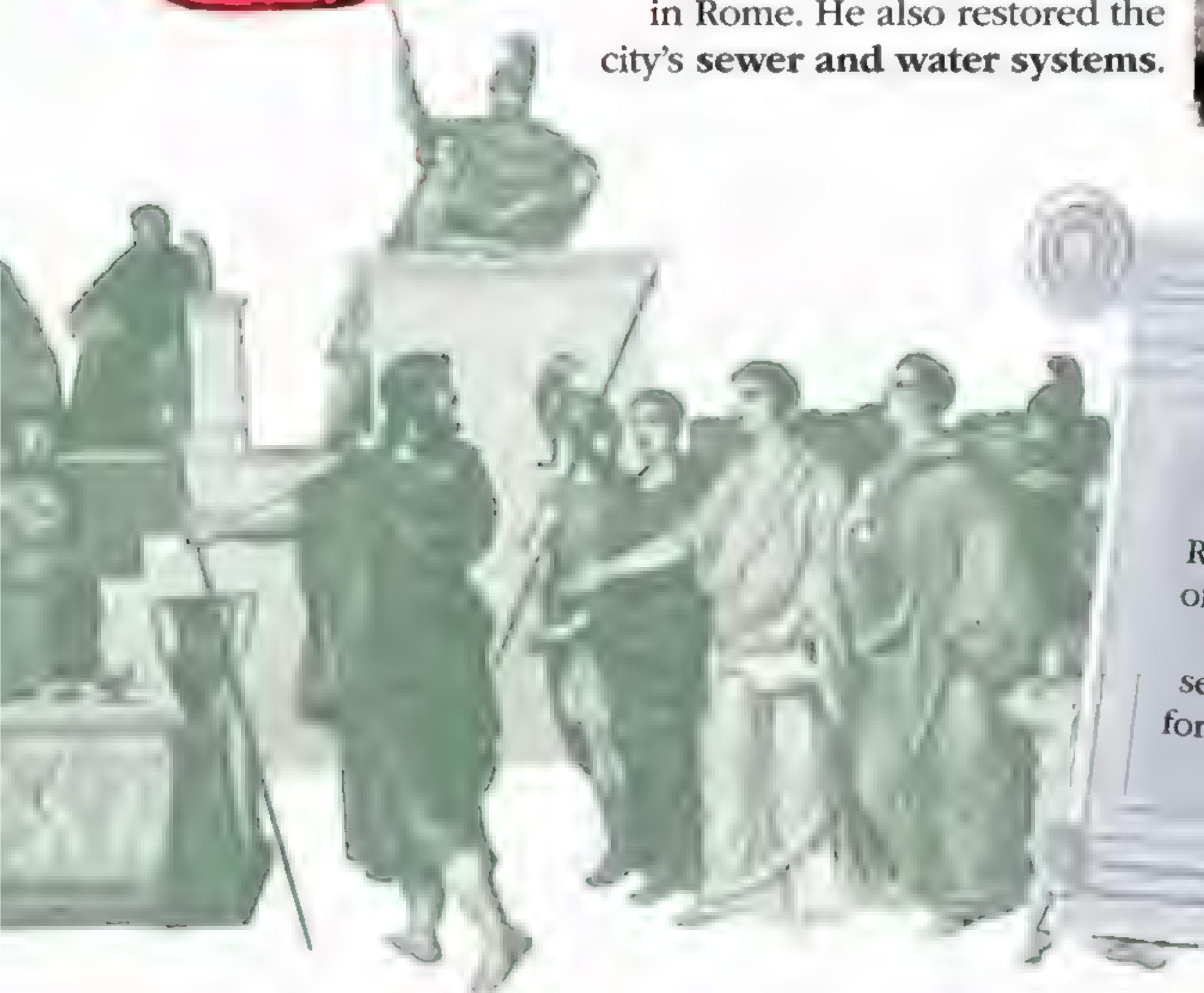
The empire builders

By Julius Caesar's death in 44 BCE, the Roman Empire covered most of the Mediterranean, France, and some of Spain. ***Augustus made it much bigger***, and, by 14 CE, he had added Egypt, the rest of Spain, and large parts of central Europe. He tried to **invade Germany**, but was met by barbarian hordes and it turned out to be a disaster. The empire reached its peak under **EMPEROR TRAJAN** in 117 CE.

By the way...
my real name is Gaius
Octavius, but I changed it to
Augustus Caesar. All future
emperors would be known as
"Caesar," or "Augustus."

Remodeling Rome

After decades of civil war, **Rome was a mess**, so Augustus set about rebuilding it. He built many new temples, including the famous “**PANTHEON**” (pictured right), and rebuilt almost every major building in Rome. He also restored the city’s **sewer and water systems**.



The great general JULIUS CAESAR (100–44 BCE) set the wheels in motion for the end of the Roman Republic by becoming DICTATOR.



The greatest emperor any consider

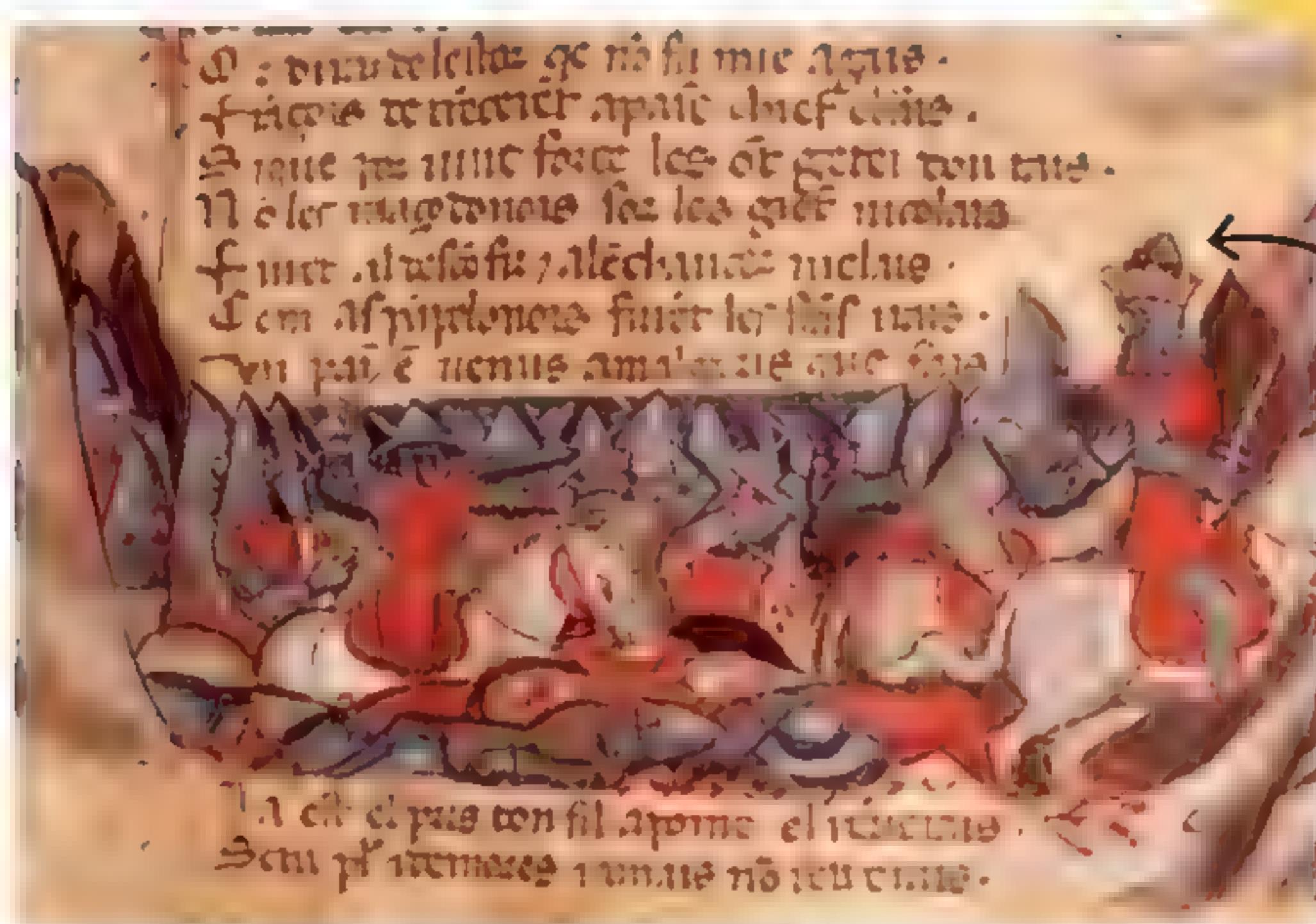
Many consider Augustus to be Rome's greatest emperor. He reformed the Roman tax system, developed networks of roads with an efficient postal service, and created police and fire-fighting services. His reign laid the foundations for an empire that lasted for 1,500 years.



Charlemagne

The man who would be king

Charlemagne was born in 747 near Liège in modern-day Belgium. He was the son of the Frankish king **Pepin the Short**. Pepin died in 768 and left his kingdom to Charlemagne and his brother, Carloman. When his **BROTHER DIED** suddenly in 771, Charlemagne became **sole ruler** of the Franks.



The Christian soldier

In 773, Pope Hadrian I asked for Charlemagne's help to **defend the Papal States** from invaders. He saw off the **POPE'S ENEMIES** and was named "protector of the Church." In his position as Papal protector, he **fought against the Muslims** in northern Spain, and conquered large parts of Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Belgium.

He couldn't have done it without...



Charlemagne defended **POPE LEO III (750–816)** from a rebellion in 800, so the Pope declared him **EMPEROR OF THE ROMANS**.



The Frankish scholar **EINHARD (775–840)** wrote a **BIOGRAPHY** of Charlemagne, which recorded his life and achievements in history.

The "father of modern EUROPE"

As king of the Franks and Christian emperor of the West, Charlemagne laid the foundations of modern Europe. That's why he's also known as **Charles the Great**.

Charlemagne personally led 53 campaigns and took part in hundreds of battles.

By the way...
before me, people wrote in capital letters. I introduced lowercase letters, called Carolingian script, which is easier to read.

Charlemagne the wise

Charlemagne organized a new system of **governors** to keep order throughout his kingdom. In addition, he used inspectors to keep an eye on the governors. He also improved **COMMERCE** by standardizing **weights and measures** (so people were guaranteed to always get the correct weight).



He devised the monetary system of pounds, shillings, and pence.



Charlemagne's crown was used in the coronation of every French king until 1722.

The great teacher

Charlemagne was appalled by how few people in France were able to **read and write**—even many of the country's priests were illiterate. He called in **SCHOLARS** from Britain and Ireland to restore the schools of France. He also organized a school at his royal palace at Aachen (in modern-day Germany), and introduced **monastic schools** all over Europe.



Charlemagne would visit his new schools to make sure they reached his standards.

Shaping Europe

Charlemagne took a group of squabbling and separate Frankish kingdoms and laid the foundations for the unified country of France. His empire encouraged the emergence of a more enlightened and better educated Europe.



He paved the way for...



Charlemagne saw himself as the heir to the **ROMAN EMPIRE** when he was crowned emperor in 800. His successors became known as **HOLY ROMAN EMPERORS**, and the title survived until 1805.



NAPOLEON (1769–1821) wanted to recreate Charlemagne's military and administrative achievements by creating a "modern" **FRENCH EMPIRE**.

Cool queens

LADIES who lorded it

Many queens were overshadowed by their king, but every so often a queen stepped out of the shadows and became a legend.

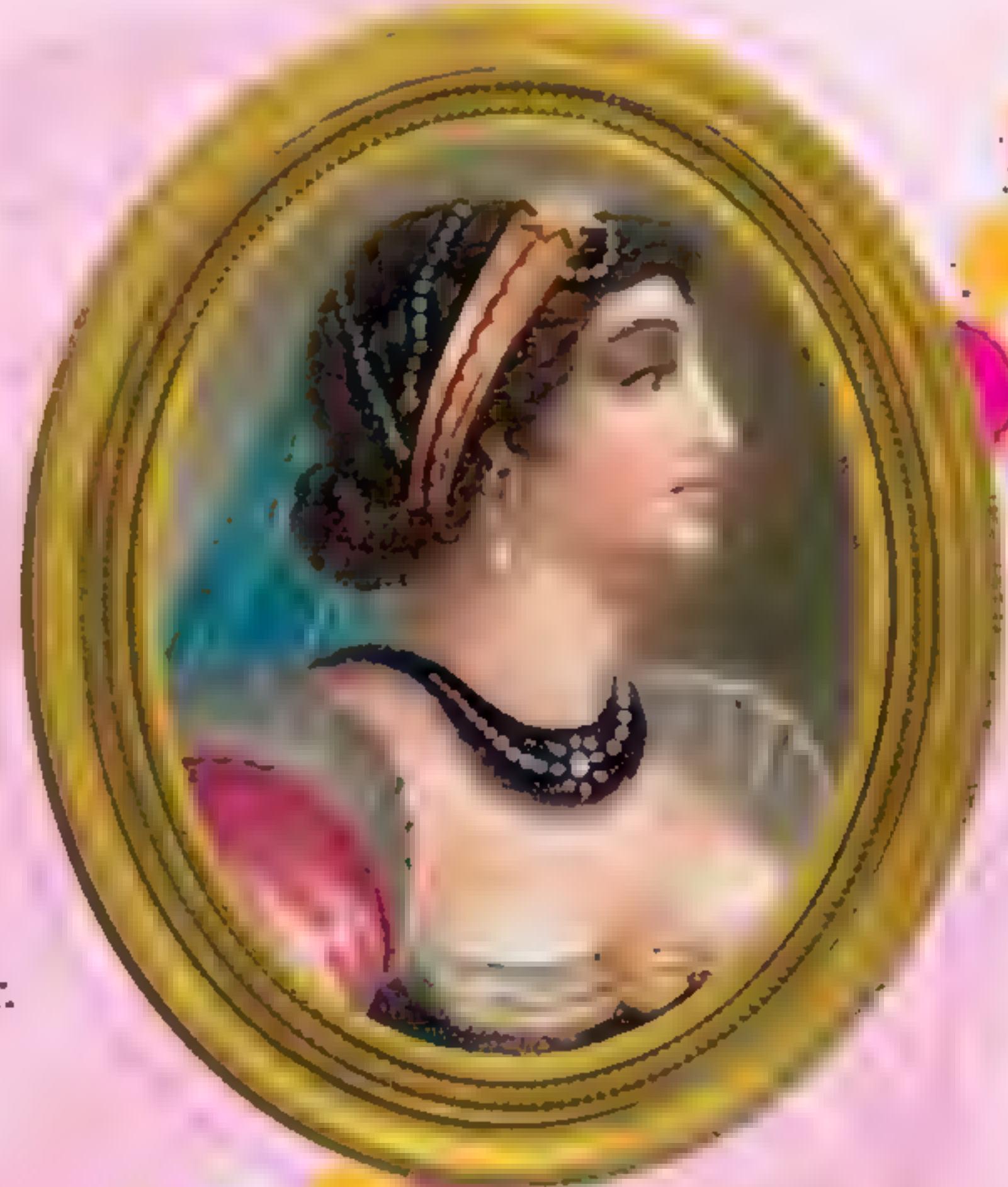
Hatshepsut (1508–1458 BCE)

There was nothing average about this **Egyptian oddity**. She married her half-brother, the pharaoh Thutmose II. He died very young, so Hatshepsut declared that she would be the new **PHARAOH**. She dressed as a man and *even wore a false beard*, but, under her almost 22-years as ruler, Egypt flourished.

A scepter is an ornamental rod held by a ruling monarch.

Cleopatra (69–30 BCE)

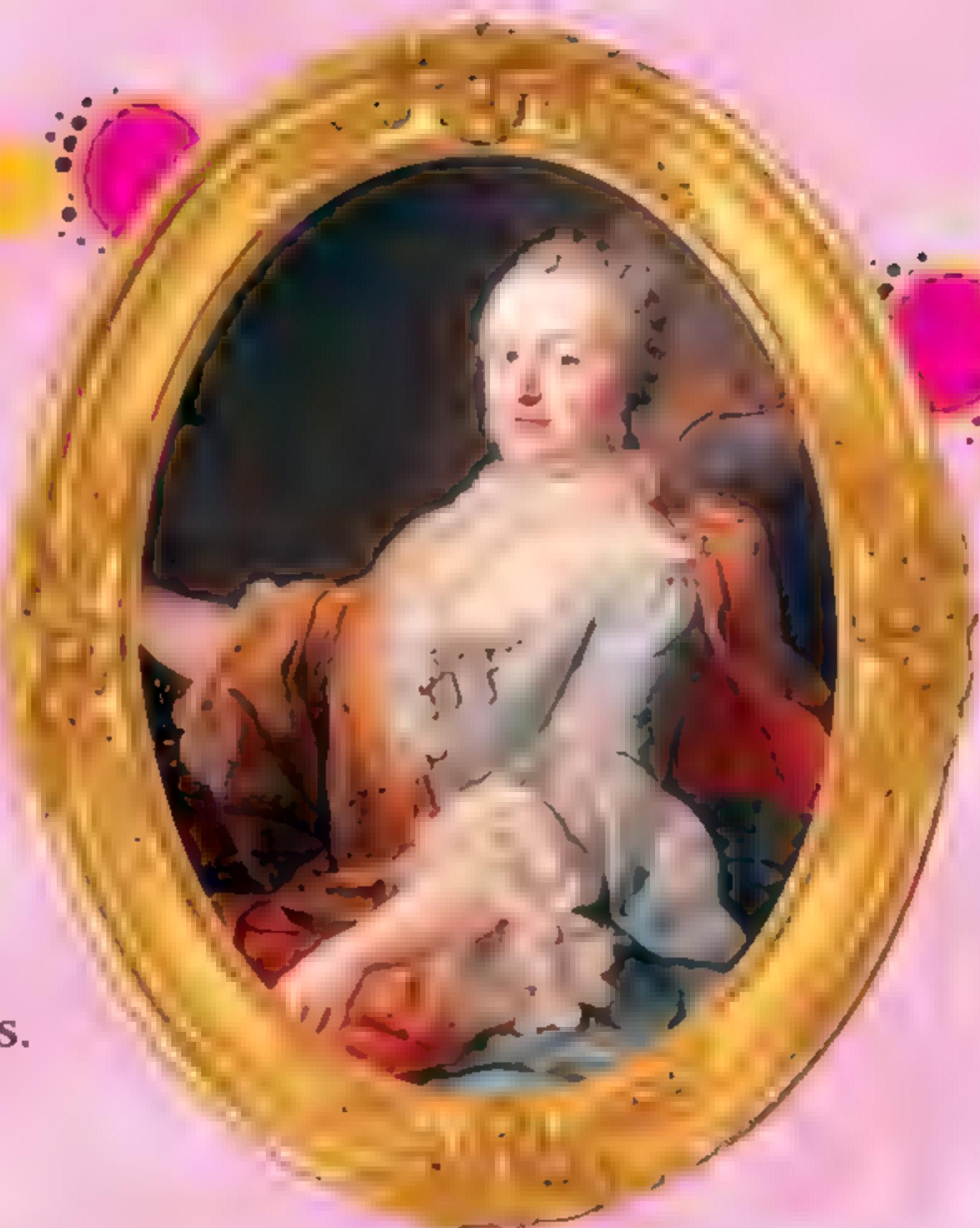
This **EGYPTIAN QUEEN** was as deadly as she was **beautiful**. She seduced the Roman general, Julius Caesar, and convinced him to *get rid of the pharaoh*, who was her brother and her husband. Then, she used another Roman, Mark Anthony, to kill her sister.



France has never been ruled by a queeh

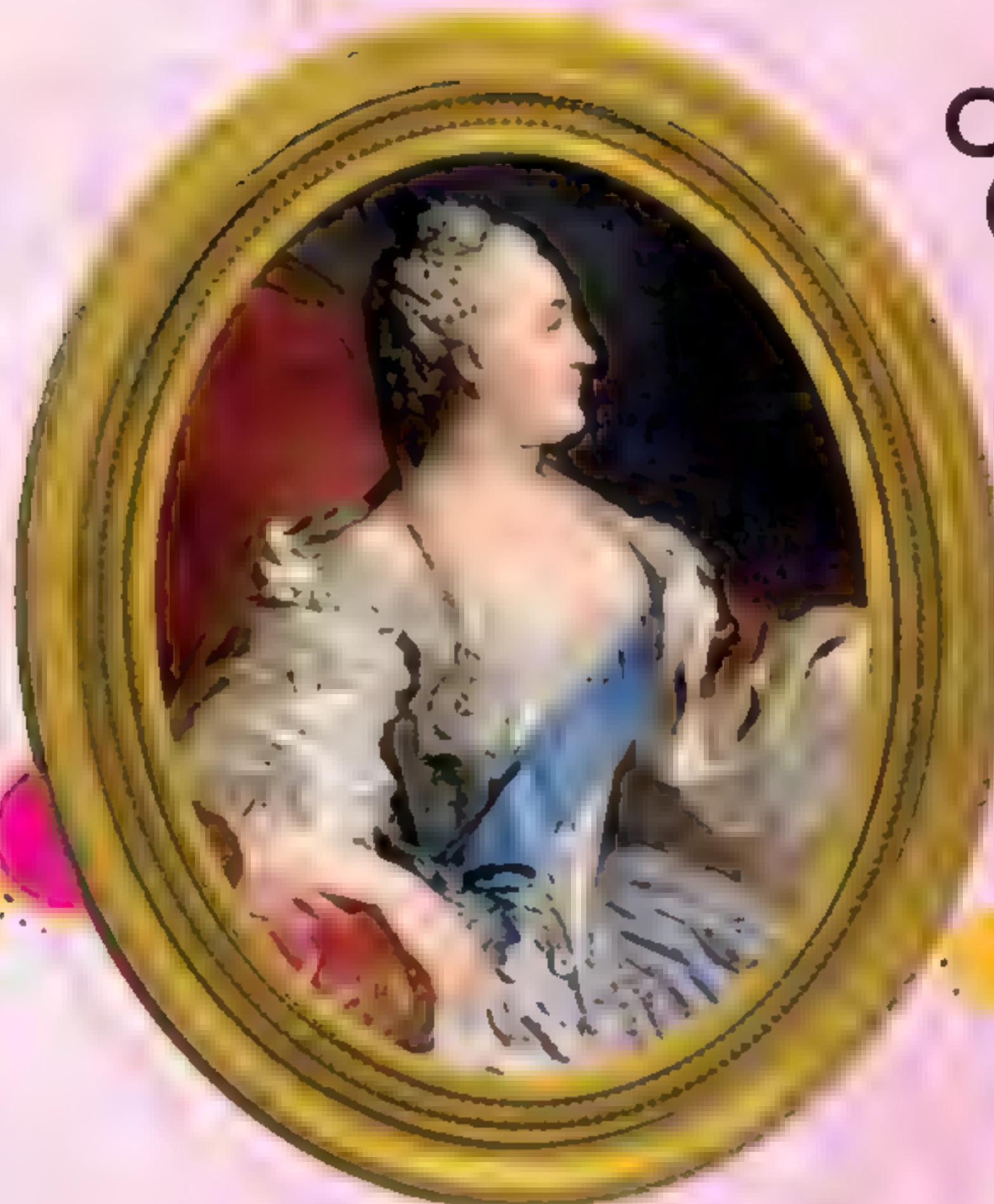
Maria Theresa (1717–1780)

Maria became **EMPERESS OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE** when her father, Charles VI, died. She reorganized Austria's army, and introduced **compulsory schooling**, which brought the flagging empire back to life. She had **16 children**, which included two queens, a few duchesses, and two Holy Roman Emperors.



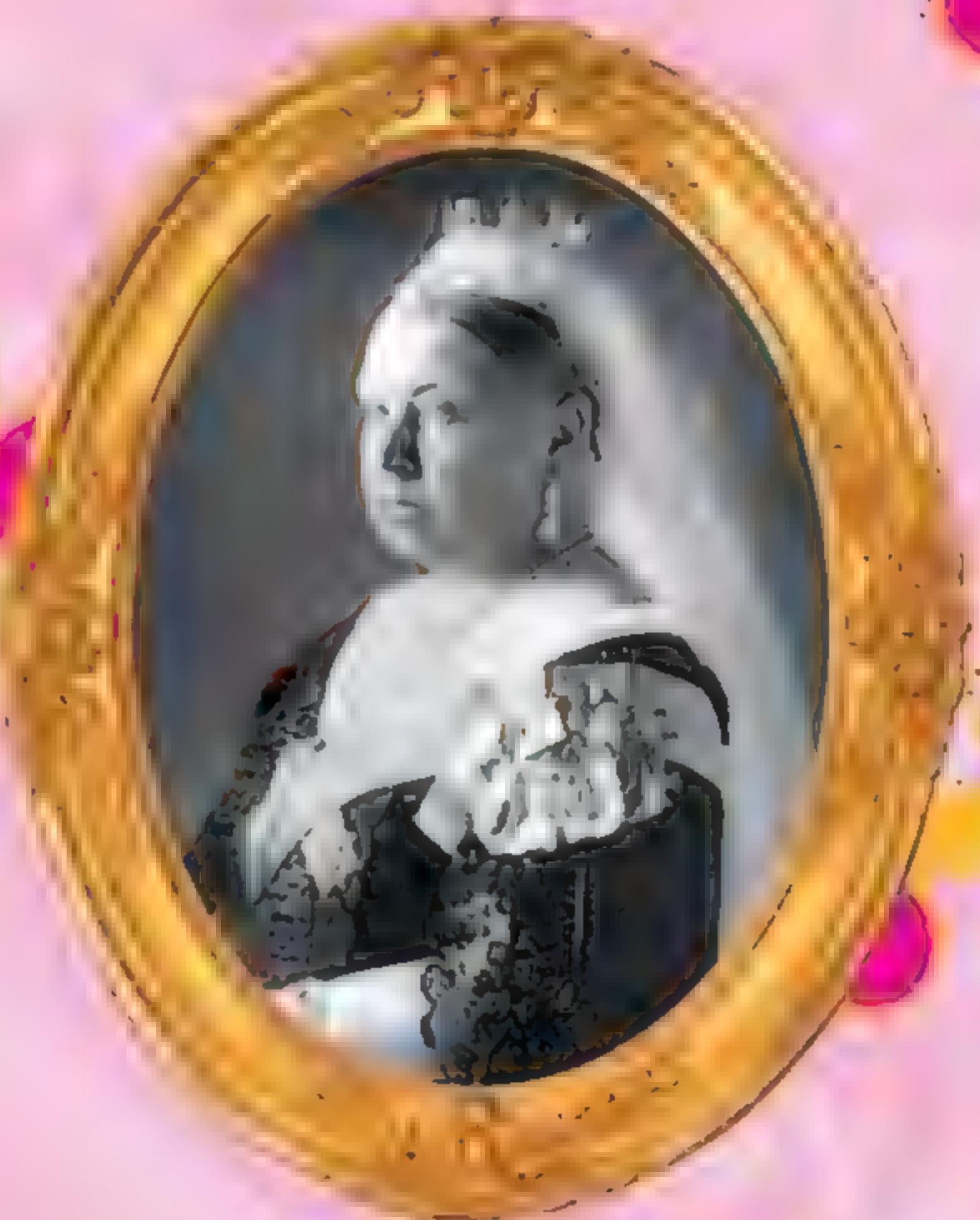
Catherine the Great (1729–1796)

To become "great" this **RUSSIAN QUEEN** first got rid of her husband, the Emperor of Russia, Peter III. She then **increased the amount of land controlled by Russia**, and promoted education and the new philosophy of "*enlightened thinking*". Unfortunately, all this only helped the rich, so the poor probably didn't think she was that great at all.



Queen Victoria (1819–1901)

Victoria was only 18 when she became **QUEEN AND EMPRESS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE**. She might have been short, but for 64 years she **ruled more than 450 million people** in an empire that covered a quarter of the globe. Her 42 grandchildren occupied the thrones of most of Europe, earning her the nickname "**the grandmother of Europe**."



Genghis Khan

The greatest CONQUEROR the world has ever seen

In just 25 years, Genghis Khan conquered more lands and people than Alexander the Great and Napoleon combined.

A tough start

Genghis was born in 1162, and his father, Yesugei, was a local **tribal chief**. After his father was killed, his family was forced into **HIDING** and had to scrape a living on the *Mongolian plains*.

Hit and run

The Mongol army **relied on their horses** and the element of surprise. Their skilled **MOUNTED ARCHERS** would ride at the enemy, *fire a volley of arrows*, and then ride off again. A Mongol army could travel more than 100 miles (60 km) in a day.

Archers fired when their horse had all its legs off the ground to avoid bumps ruining their shots.



Mongol horses were equipped with stirrups, which gave their riders much more control.

He couldn't have done it without...

TOGHUL (died 1203) was a close friend of Genghis's father. He adopted Genghis and made him his **HEIR**.



ÖGDEI KHAN (1186–1241) was Genghis's third son and **SUCCESSOR**. He expanded the Mongol Empire.



The great conqueror

After *years in the wilderness*, Genghis took back his father's tribe and united the

Mongol tribes. By 1204, Genghis was **SUPREME KHAN** of all the Mongols, and

was ready for war. Within five years, his army had taken parts of China. They then took Siberia, Afghanistan, and parts of the

Persian Empire. Cities were so **afraid of the Khan** that they often surrendered before he even arrived.



War on the move

Every Mongol warrior usually owned three or four horses, which they kept roped together. By frequently changing horses, the army could cover **huge distances very quickly**.

The Mongols were **NOMADIC**, so they were used to traveling around. At the end of the day they would build camp and practice their battle skills by **hunting for their dinner**.

Mongols lived in "gers" (meaning "home"), which were circular wooden frames covered with felt.

A mighty empire

Genghis created the world's longest lasting empire. He encouraged religious tolerance, introduced new laws, and brought a new writing system to the illiterate Mongol people. Unfortunately, up to 40 million people might have died as a result of his conquests.

He paved the way for...

Genghis's grandson **KUBLAI KHAN** (1215–1294) established the Yuan Dynasty and became **EMPEROR OF CHINA**.



DNA STUDIES have shown that as many as **16 MILLION MEN** worldwide are descended from Genghis Khan.



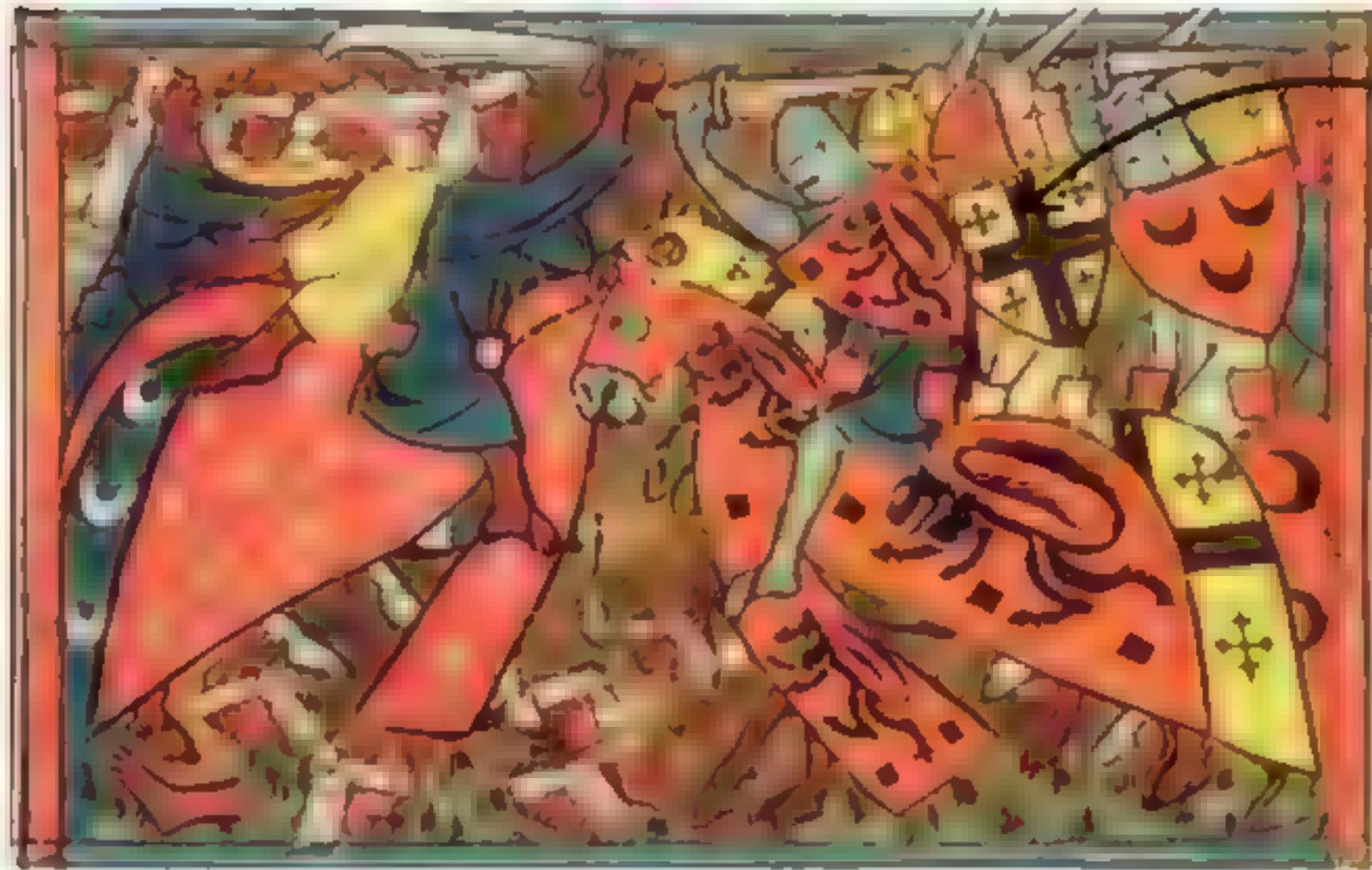
Saladin

The man who took JERUSALEM from the Crusaders

Saladin was a great Muslim leader who retook the Holy Land and who, despite his fearsome reputation, treated his enemies with respect.

The young warrior

Saladin was born in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) in 1138. As a young man, he helped his uncle, a general for the Sultan of Syria, win a **great victory against the Crusaders**. His uncle became ruler of Egypt and, when he died, *Saladin took power* for himself.



The name "Crusaders" comes from "crux" (Latin for cross) because they carried the cross with them as a symbol.

A clash of religions

Jerusalem was a very important city to **Jews, Christians, and Muslims**. For centuries, its Arab rulers had allowed Christian and Jewish **pilgrims** into the city. However, by 1095, the Muslim rulers of Jerusalem were making travel to the city more difficult for pilgrims. The crusades were started by the Christians to **RETAKE JERUSALEM**.

He couldn't have done it without...



Muslims believe that **MUHAMMAD** (570–632) ascended to heaven at **DOME OF THE ROCK**. Saladin used the Dome as a symbol to unite the Arabs to his cause.



Saladin's revenge

In 1097, before Saladin was born, the Crusaders had captured Jerusalem, killing many of its inhabitants, and taken control of the Holy Land. Saladin was determined to retake it for Muslims, and he declared a **holy war** against the Crusaders. In 1187, with a huge army, Saladin **CRUSHED HIS ENEMIES** at the Battle of Hattin, and the Crusader King of Jerusalem, Guy of Lusignan, was forced to surrender (pictured right). **Saladin retook Jerusalem**, but, unlike the Crusaders, he allowed its inhabitants to leave the city peacefully.

By the way...
when I heard that Richard the Lionheart had a fever, I sent him peaches, pears, and ice from the top of Mount Hermon, 100 miles (160 km) away.

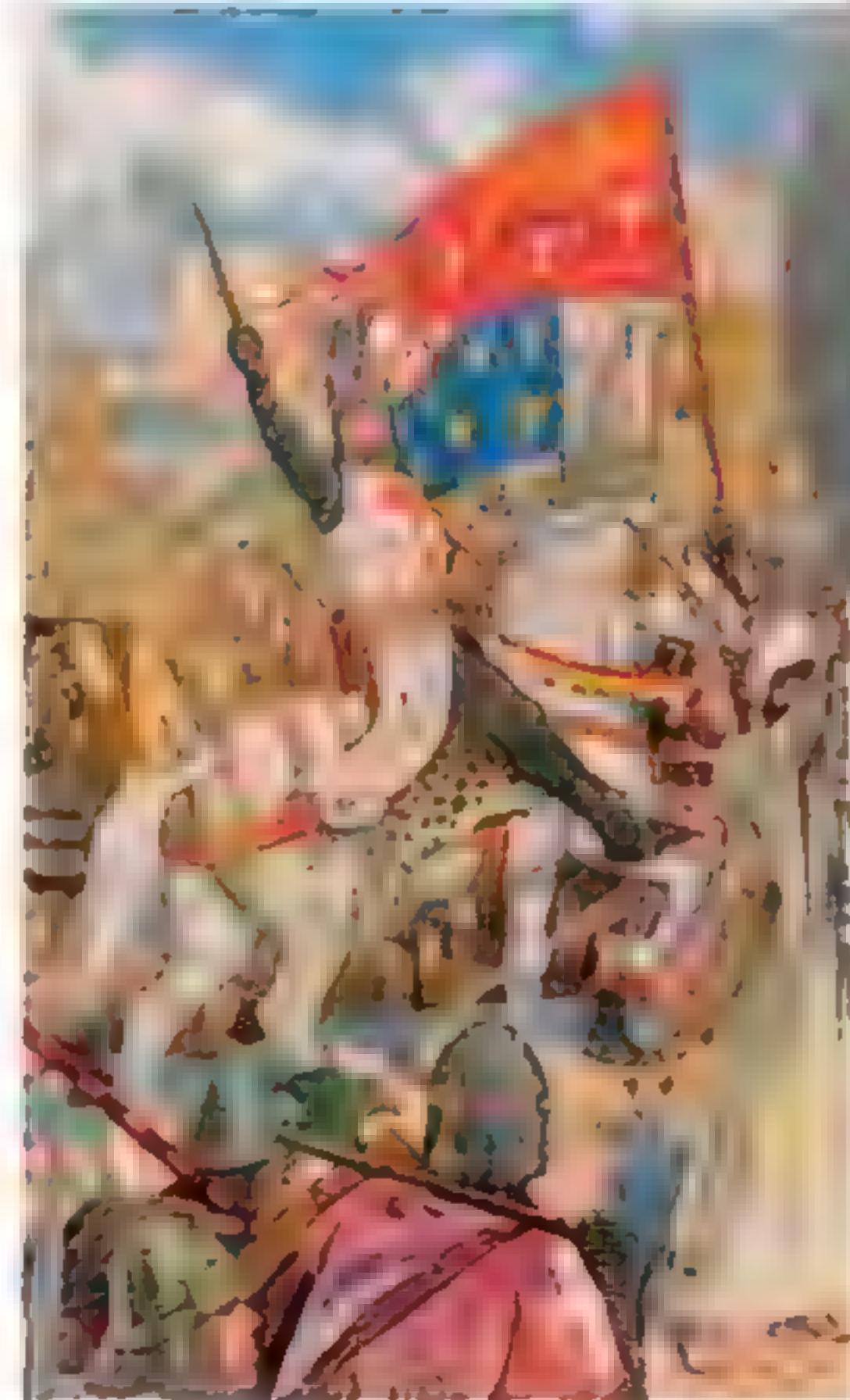
The Crusaders strike back

In 1189, England's king, **Richard the Lionheart**, led the Third Crusade. They retook the city of Acre, but the siege took two years, and the other kings returned home. Richard couldn't beat Saladin alone, so they **MADE PEACE**. Christians were allowed to visit Jerusalem again, but **their rule of the Holy Land had ended for good**.



Chivalrous knight

In the Muslim world, Saladin is remembered as the man who united the Arab people and liberated Jerusalem. Even in Europe, Saladin was revered as a chivalrous knight—in fact, an epic poem was written about his exploits.



Did you know?

After a lifetime of campaigning, Saladin left an empire stretching north from Egypt, but he died almost penniless.



In 1183, Saladin captured the strategically important **CITADEL OF ALEppo**. It was a crucial step on his way to retaking Jerusalem.



IBN SHADDAD (1145–1234) wrote a biography about Saladin called **THE RARE AND EXCELLENT HISTORY OF SALADIN**.

Martin Luther

The man who **SPLIT** the church in two

Martin Luther was a German priest who challenged the Catholic Church.

Struck by God

Martin Luther was born in 1483 in Eisleben, Germany. His parents wanted him to be a lawyer, so he studied law at university. One day he was almost **struck by lightning** during a storm. He thought that the close call was a **SIGN FROM GOD** that he should leave law, and he joined a monastery.

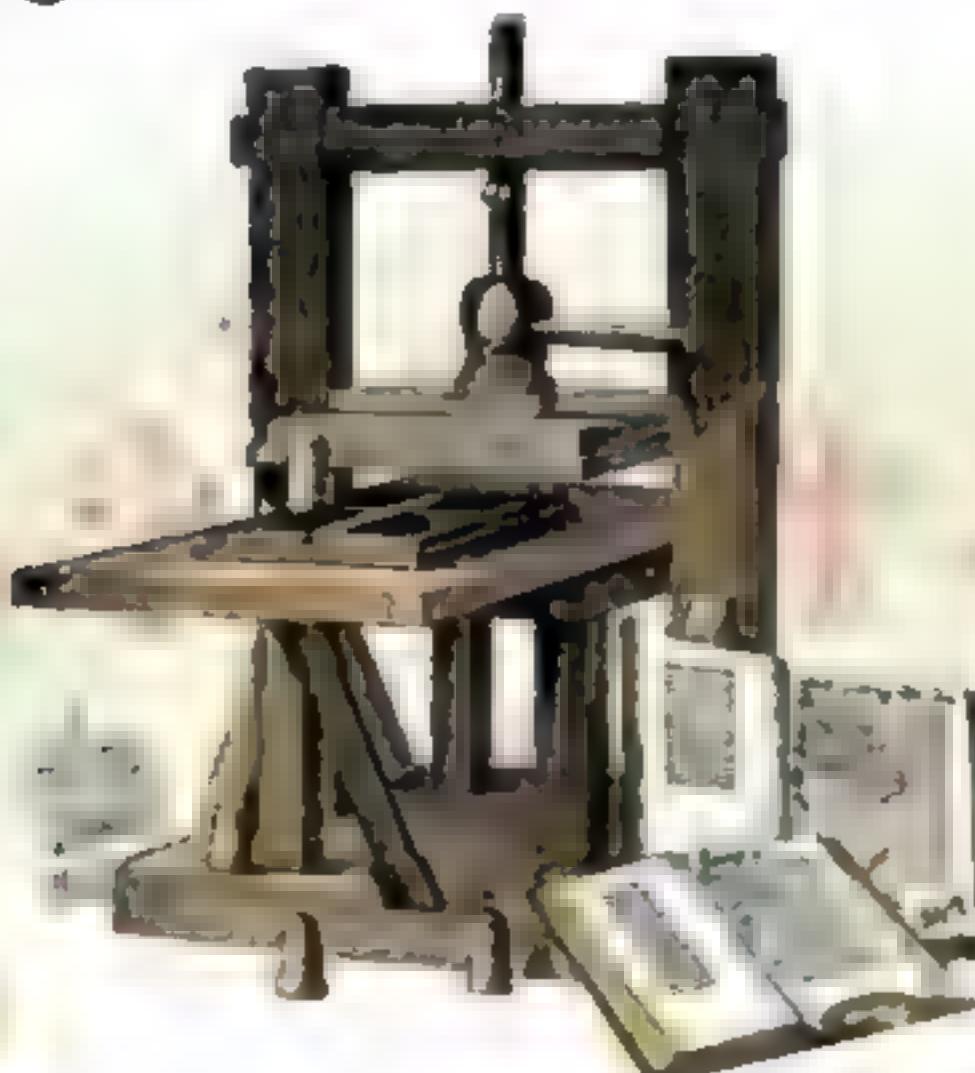


Forgiveness for sale

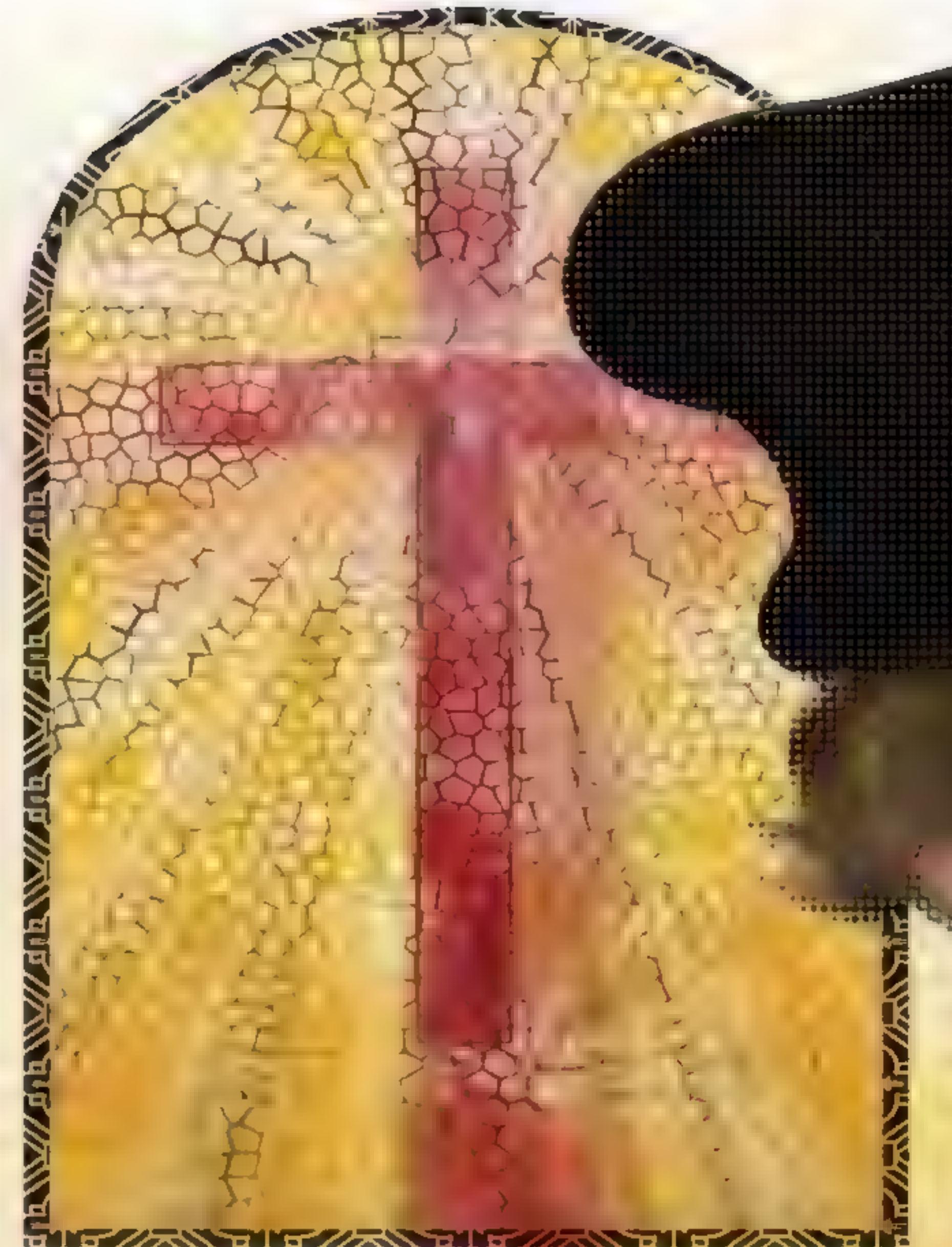
Luther soon realized that the Catholic Church was pretty corrupt. Priests were selling "**INDULGENCES**," which were a sort of "get-out-of-jail-free" card for sinners to get into heaven. In 1517, Luther wrote a list of complaints relating to the Catholic Church, which he called his **95 Theses**. His **ideas spread** around Europe very quickly.

Luther nailed his *95 Theses* to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany.

He couldn't have done it without...

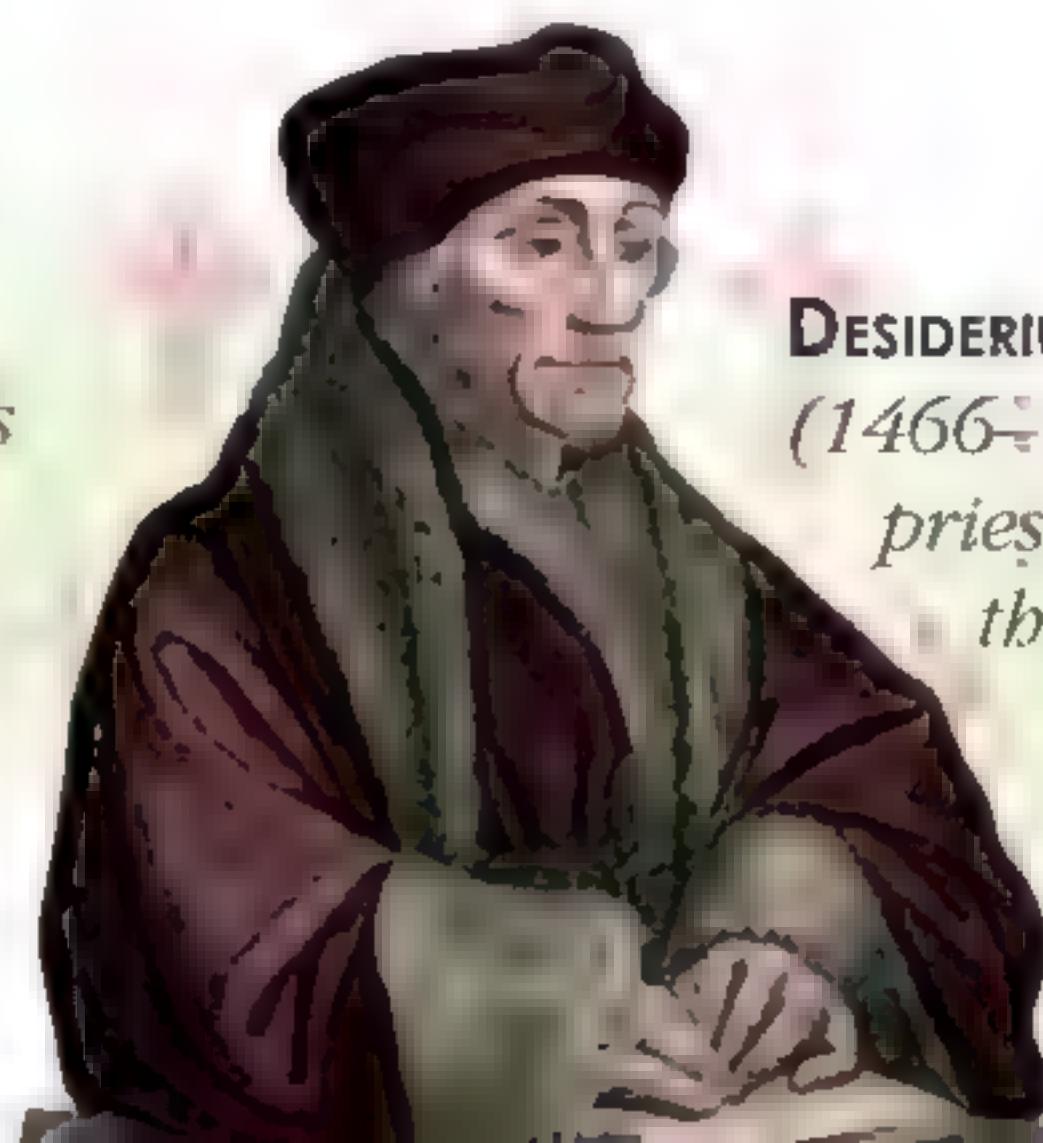


*In 1440, the **PRINTING PRESS** made it possible for Luther's ideas to reach a lot of people very quickly.*



Summoned by the Pope

Pope Leo X didn't take kindly to Luther's meddling, so he summoned Luther to the "**DIET OF WORMS**"—a Diet was a sort of meeting, and Worms was the town it was held in (no worms were eaten!) In 1521, Luther was declared an **outlaw** and heretic.

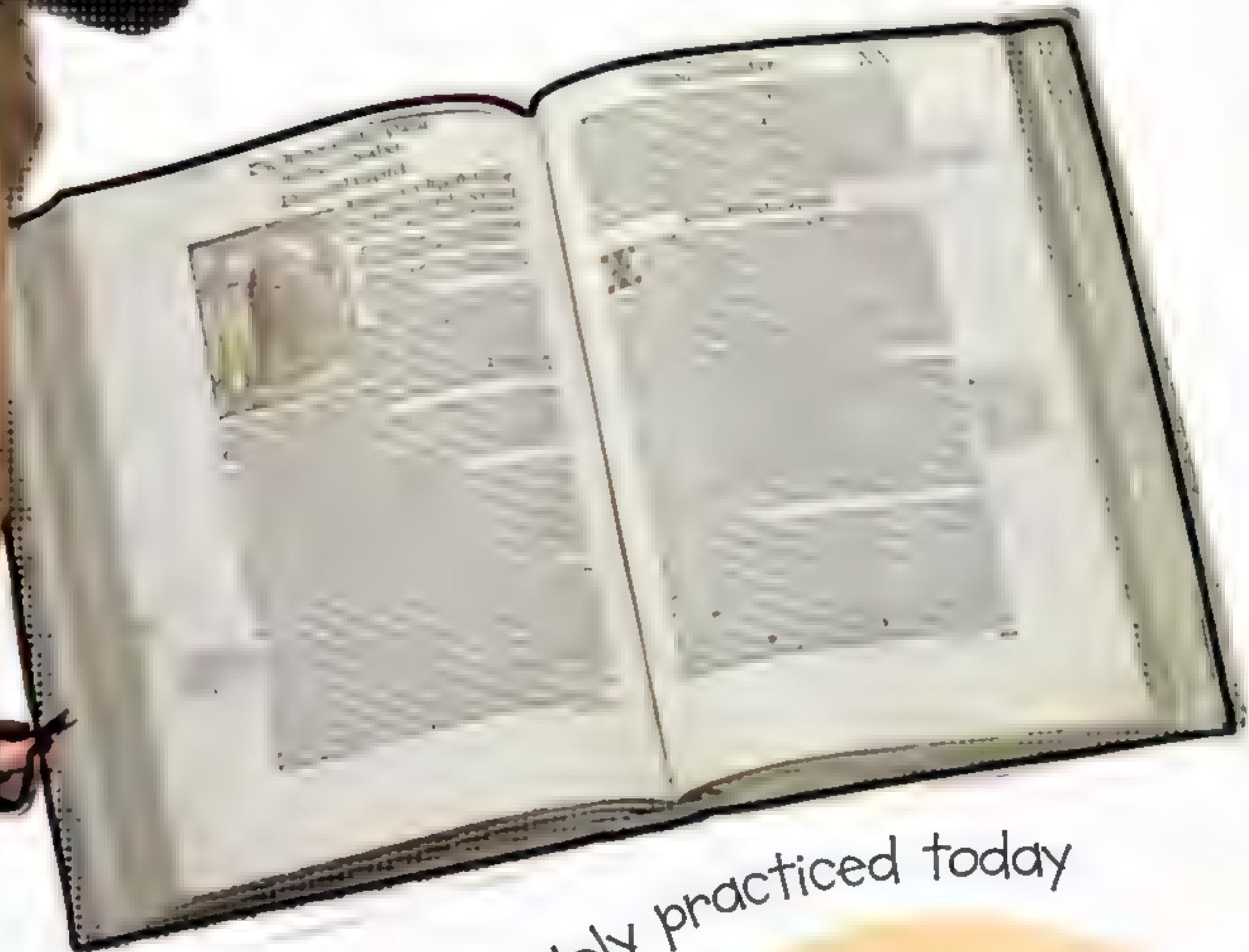


DESIDERIUS ERASMUS ROTERODAMUS
(1466–1536) was a Dutch priest who also questioned the Catholic Church.



A Bible for everyone

Heretics were **burned at the stake**. Luther didn't want to be burned, so he went into hiding. In 1534, he **translated the Bible** from Latin into German so everyone would have the chance to read it. He even wrote a sort of **CHILDREN'S VERSION** that parents could use to teach their kids about faith.



Lutheranism is still widely practiced today

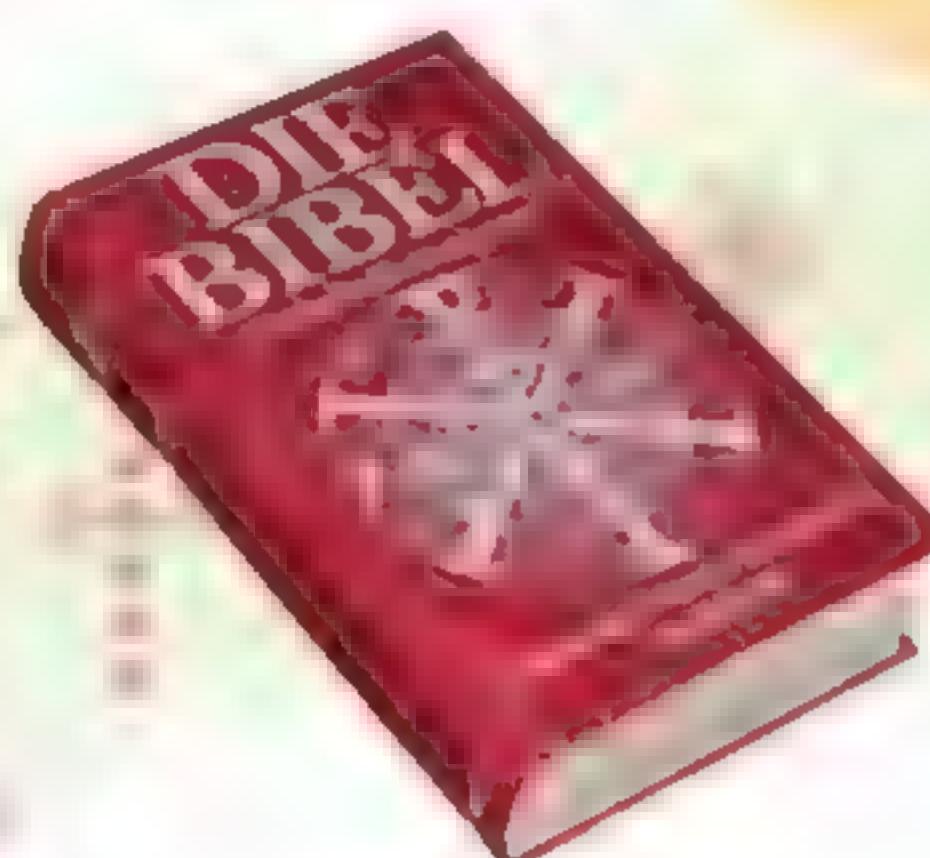
Did you know?

Luther even insisted that, when he died, all his books and writings should be burned... they weren't.

He paved the way for...



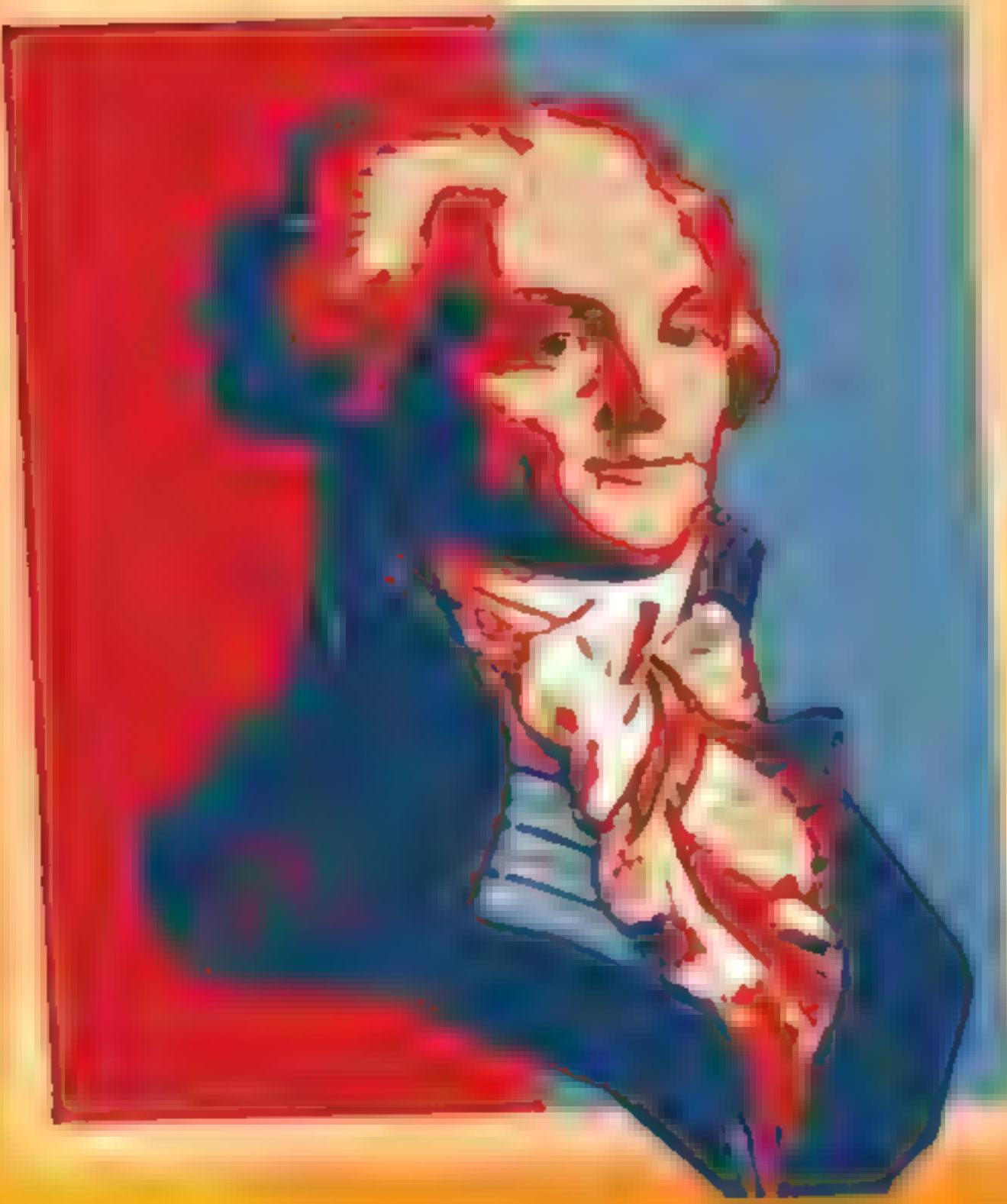
The French priest **JOHN CALVIN** (1509–1564) created his own branch of Protestantism called *Calvinism*.



Luther's translation paved the way for versions of **THE BIBLE** translated in every country of the world.

Up the revolution

Rising up AGAINST the establishment!



Maximilien Robespierre

(1758–1794)

This French politician hated the aristocracy and everything they stood for, so in 1791 he became one of the leaders of the French Revolution and **CHOPPED OFF THEIR HEADS** (including the king and queen's). His period of power was known as the "Reign of Terror" because he sent around 30,000 people to the *guillotine*.

Is your king crushing your freedom? Is your government just plain useless? If so, you need to start a revolution... but who should lead it?

Bolívar's famous sword has become an iconic symbol



Simón Bolívar

(1783–1830)

In South America, there aren't many people more famous than Simón Bolívar. As a military and political leader, he managed to **kick the Spanish Empire out of Venezuela, Bolivia, Columbia, Peru, Ecuador, and Panama**. This didn't make him **very popular** with Spanish royalty, but he is regarded as a **HERO** all across Latin America.



The guillotine became a symbol of the French Revolution

By the way...
after I died, my body was
embalmed and put in a glass
coffin. To this day it's still
on display in Moscow's
Red Square.

Vladimir Lenin

(1870–1924)

As leader of the **Bolsheviks**, Lenin was a follower of the Communist ideals of Karl Marx. In 1917, he led the **RUSSIAN REVOLUTION**, overthrew the royal family (who were later killed), and became the first leader of the new communist state, the *Soviet Union*.

Mao Tse-Tung (1893–1976)

Another Communist icon, Mao led the **Red Army** to victory over the Nationalists in 1949, and established the **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**.

Ruthless and ambitious, in his first four years in power, he was responsible for the deaths of nearly 1.5 million people. Despite this, he was loved in China for making the country a **modern power**.

Almost every man in China wore a suit like Chairman Mao's ➡



Fidel Castro

(1926–)

Castro's first attempt to *overthrow* Cuba's dictator Fulgencio Batista ended with him being exiled to Mexico. After he teamed up with another revolutionary, Argentinian **CHE GUEVARA** (1928–1967), he led the successful Communist party in **Cuba** from 1956 to 1959. The CIA spent almost 50 years trying to overthrow him (they failed).

Napoleon Bonaparte

The man who CONQUERED Europe

With his many successes on the battlefield, Napoleon was a military genius who soon had the whole of Europe looking up to him.

A fighting start

Napoleon was born in Corsica, France, in 1769. He went to a **MILITARY ACADEMY** in Paris, where he was teased for his Corsican accent and his provincial manners. However, with his **leadership skills**, Napoleon became an artillery officer when he was just 16, and **rose quickly through the ranks**.



Zero to hero

During the early years of the **FRENCH REVOLUTION** (1789–1799), when France broke free of its Imperial rule, Napoleon became a **national hero**. In 1799, he led a **plot to overthrow** the revolutionary government, and he became the First Consul of France.

He couldn't have done it without...

CHARLEMAGNE (742–814) brought together the separate Frankish kingdoms and created France as a **SINGLE COUNTRY**.

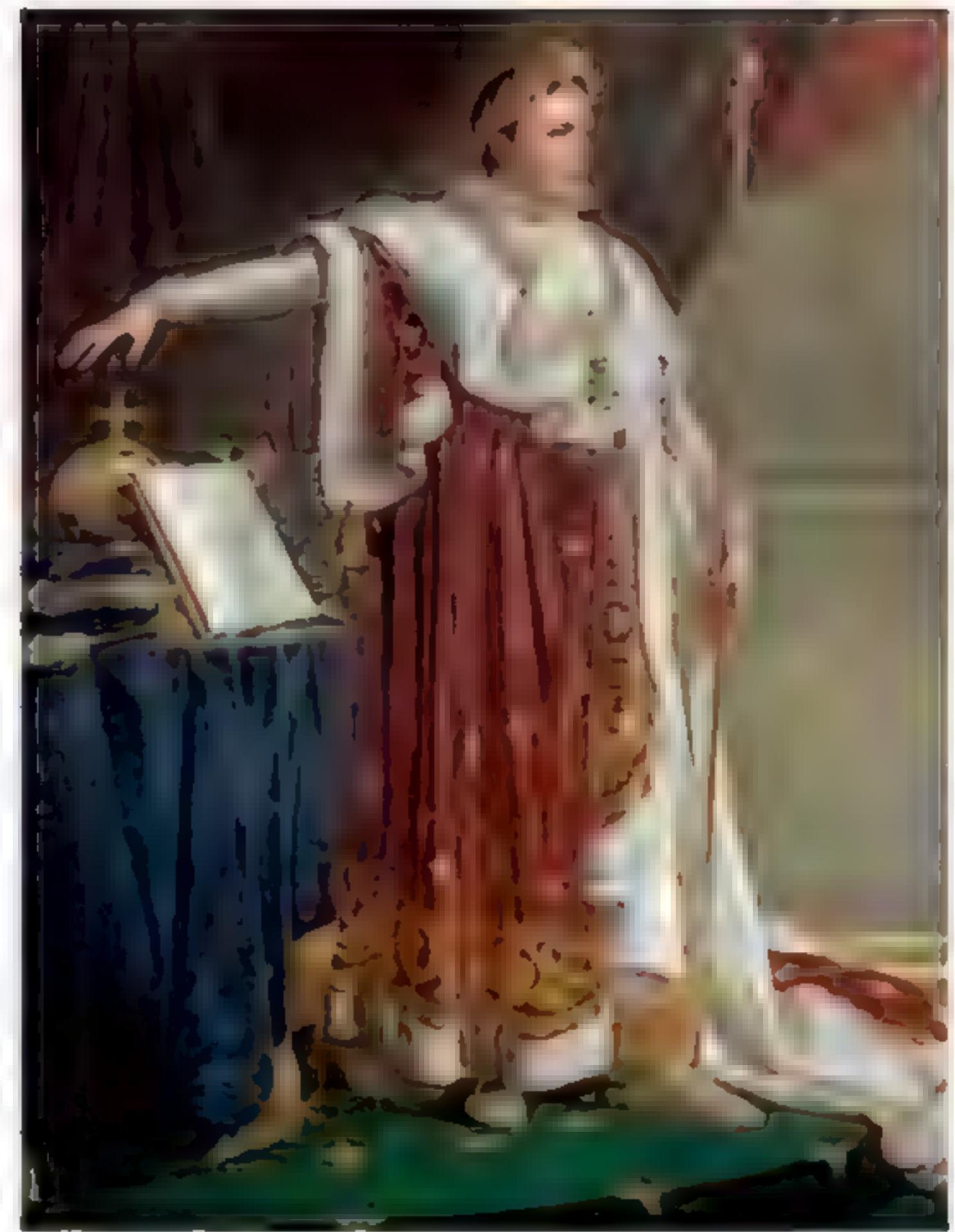


MAXIMILIEN ROBESPIERRE
(1758–1794) led the French Revolution, got rid of the royal family, and helped create the **FRENCH REPUBLIC**.



Emperor of Europe

Napoleon set out to conquer other countries and, in 1804, he crowned himself **EMPEROR**. Soon every country surrounding France (except Britain) was part of his empire. In 1812, he tried to conquer Russia, but it ended in disaster and he was **sent into exile** off the coast of Italy. He returned to France and seized power again, but was beaten by Britain at the **Battle of Waterloo** in 1815. Sent into exile again—to the South Atlantic island of St. Helena—Napoleon died in 1821.



Legal eagle

In 1804, Napoleon replaced the old French legal system with a new **NAPOLEONIC CODE** of laws. The old system was based on local feudal laws and was **old fashioned and confusing**. The new system was much **clearer and fairer**.

In just eight years, Napoleon managed to conquer most of Europe.

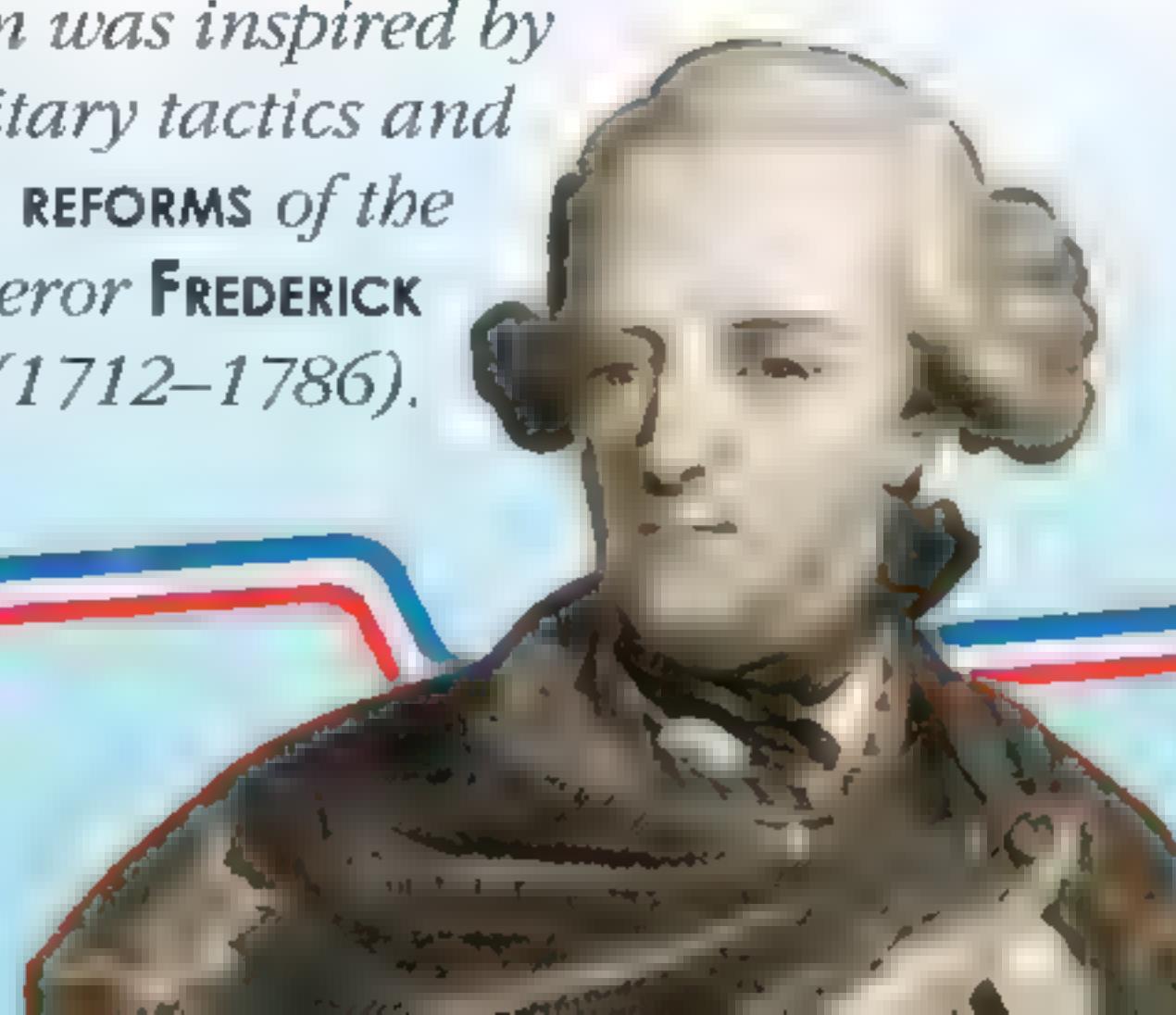
Lasting impression

Napoleon's reforms brought stability back to France, which had been torn apart by the French Revolution. Many of the laws of his Napoleonic code (above) are still used in France and form the basis of the legal systems of many of the countries that Napoleon conquered.

*An essay on MILITARY TACTICS
by the French general JACQUES
ANTOINE HIPPOLYTE (1743–1790)
greatly influenced Napoleon.*



*Napoleon was inspired by
the military tactics and
DOMESTIC REFORMS of the
German Emperor FREDERICK
THE GREAT (1712–1786).*



George Washington

The first PRESIDENT of the United States



George Washington helped to kick the British out of America. He became a national hero, the first President of the United States of America, and got his face on a lot of coins and banknotes.



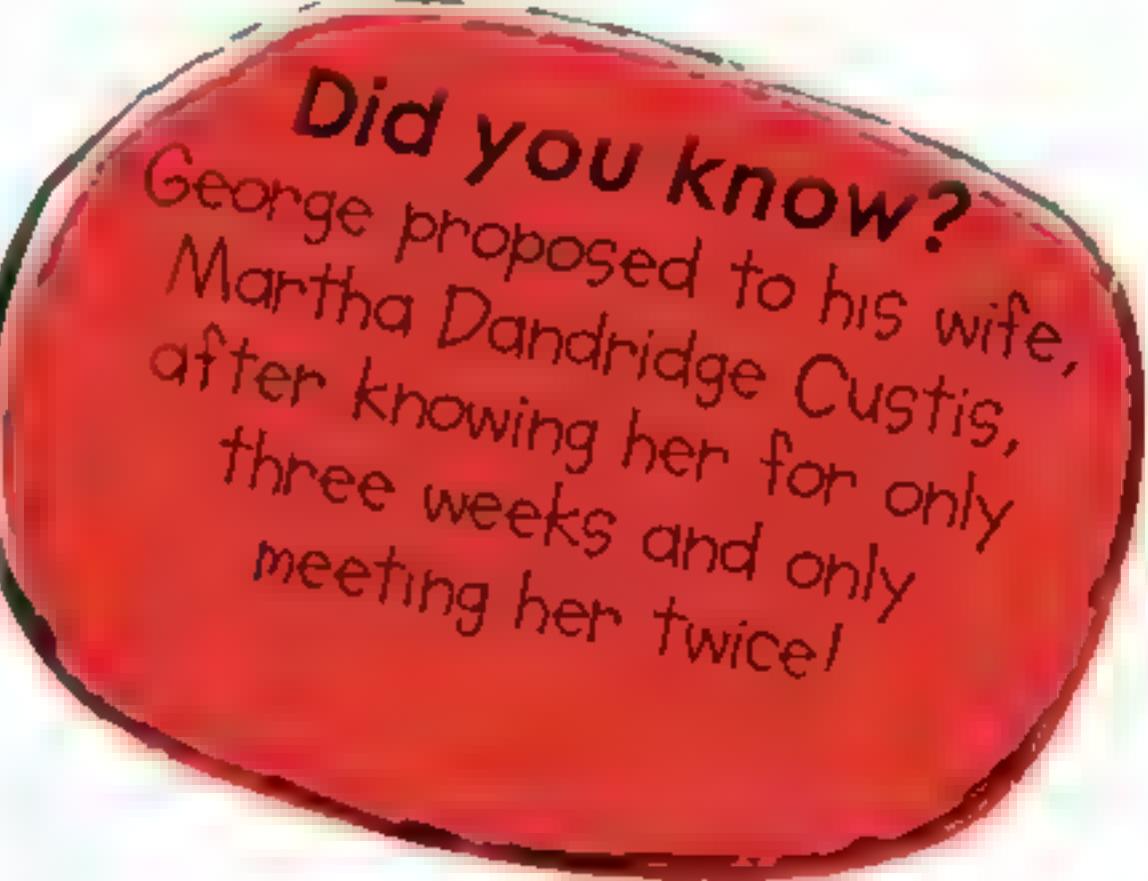
The crafty commander

When the British won the war, they raised taxes to pay for it. This was very unpopular, so on **July 4, 1776**, the Americans declared independence and went to war with Britain. Washington was commander of the Continental Army in the **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** and, knowing he could never beat the British in a pitched battle, ordered his troops to attack quickly and then withdraw to safety. By using **clever tactics**, he was able to defeat the British.

The wily woodsman

Washington was born in 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA. His father died when he was 11, and he had very **little formal schooling**, but George taught himself to be a woodsman, surveyor, and mapmaker. This all came in useful when, at 20, he joined the **VIRGINIA MILITIA** who, at the time, were fighting for the British (who ruled much of America) **against the French and their Native American allies**.

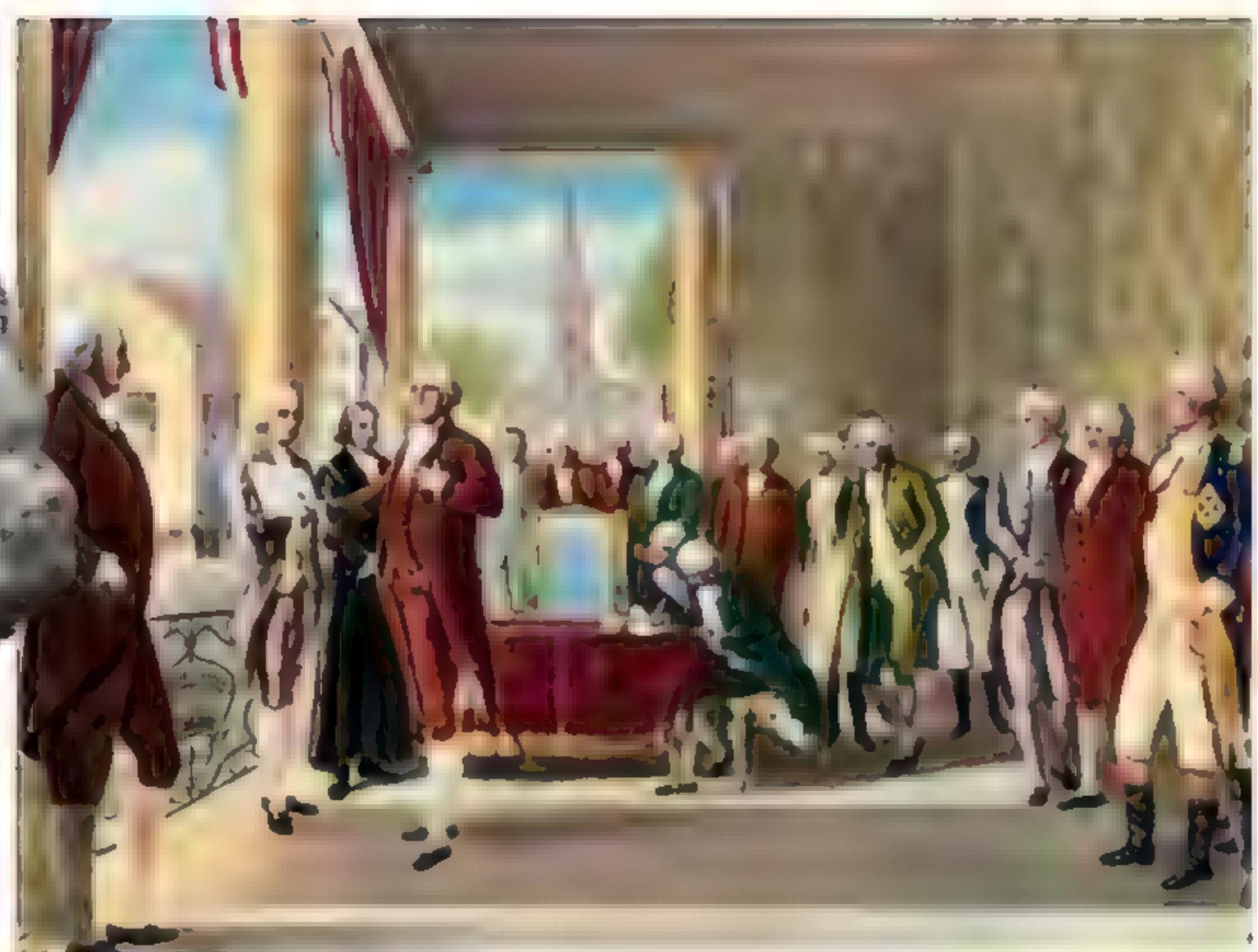
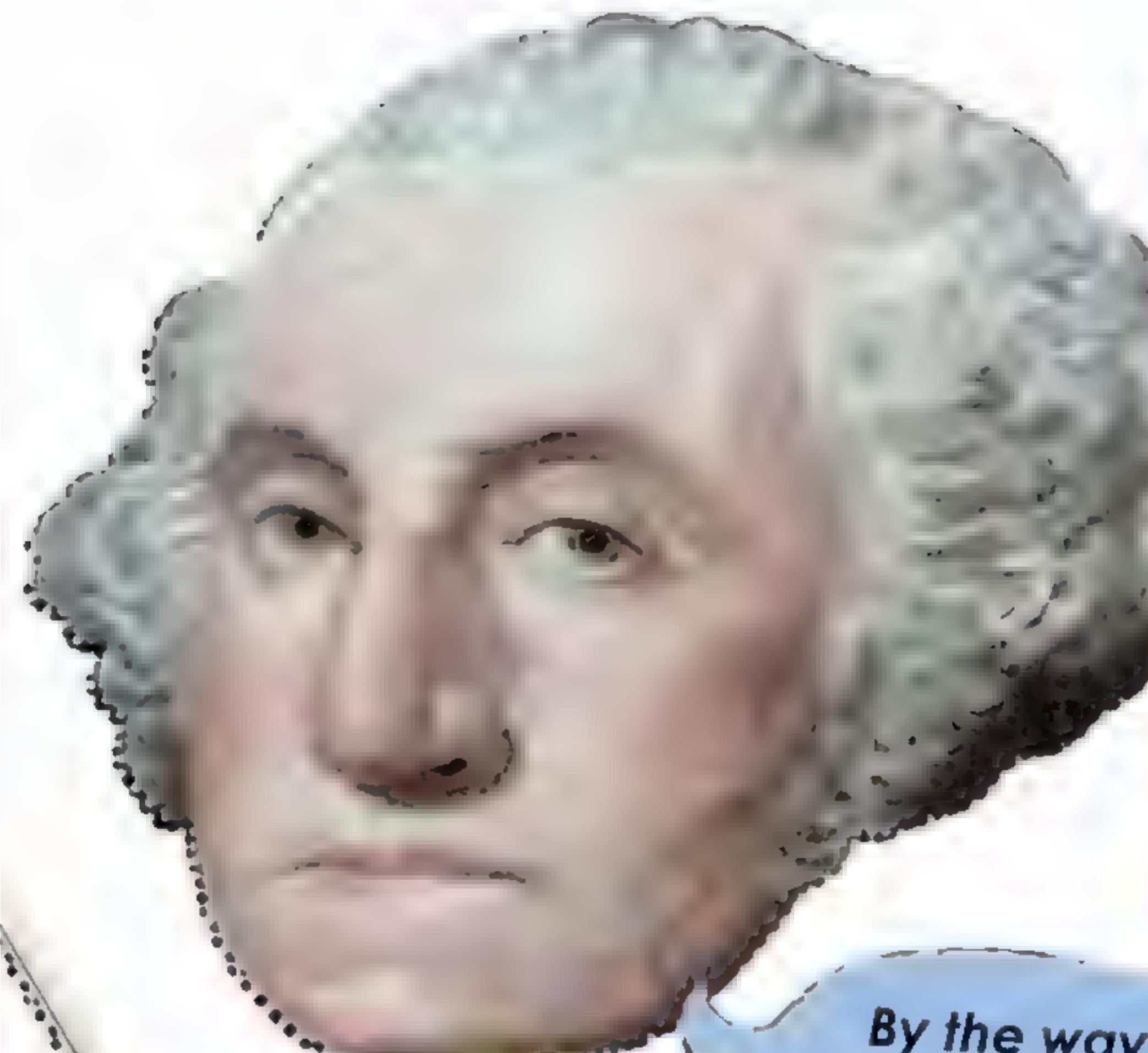
On Christmas Day 1776, Washington led his troops across the icy Delaware River, where he surprised and defeated the British. It was a major turning point of the Revolutionary War.



He couldn't have done it without...



Merchant and statesman **JOHN HANCOCK** (1737–1793) was the first person to sign the **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**.



By the way...
after the American Revolution, I became so popular that some people wanted to make me King of America.



Washington had spring-loaded false teeth made of cow's teeth and ivory.

The first president

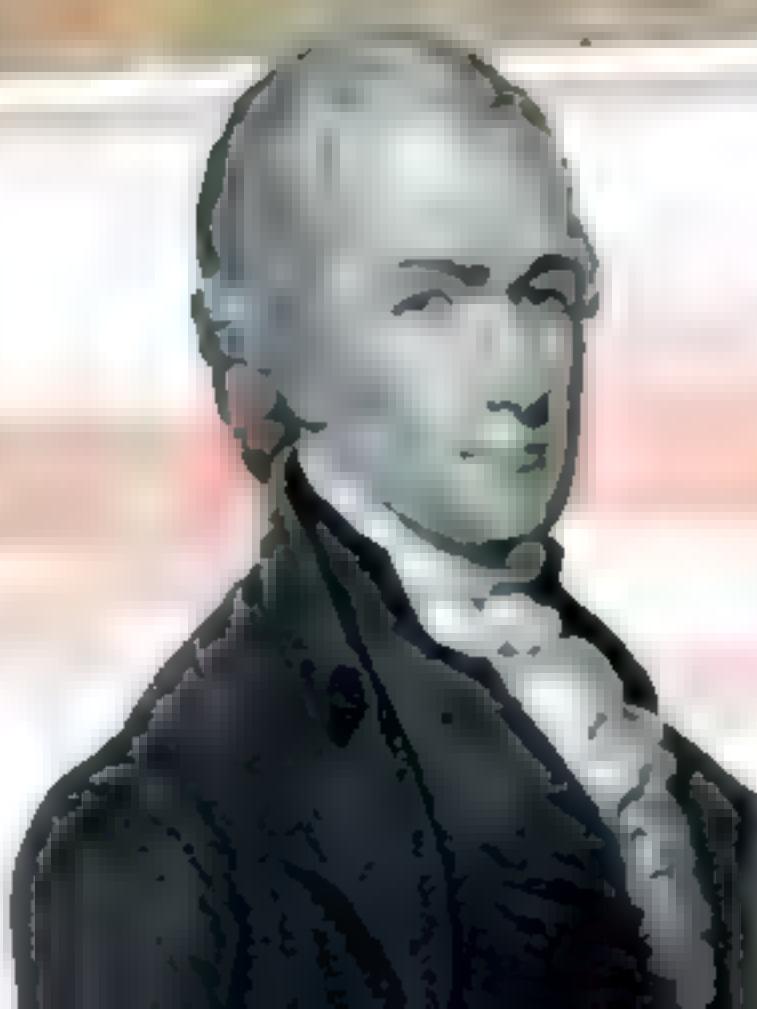
On October 19, 1781, the **British surrendered** at Yorktown, Virginia. The Americans had won their independence, but still had to figure out how to run the country. In the beginning, they struggled, but, in 1787, Washington helped to write the **US CONSTITUTION**, which organized the government. In 1789, he was unanimously elected the **first President of the United States**.

Father of a country

Washington played such a big role in the founding of the United States, that he is often called the "Father of his Country." To Americans he is a military and revolutionary hero, and a man of great integrity, duty, and honor. He is celebrated in many ways, including a carving on Mount Rushmore.



PAUL REVERE
(1735–1818) helped organize an **ALARM SYSTEM** to keep watch on the British military.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON
(1757–1804) was a lawyer who helped Washington design the United States' first government.

Mahatma Gandhi

The man who DEFIED an empire

Gandhi, an icon of peaceful resistance, pioneered nonviolent methods of protest against the British government in India. He is known as the “Father of India.”

Early struggles

Mohandas Gandhi (known as **Mahatma** or “great soul”) was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, India. He studied law in London, England, and then spent 20 years in South Africa, joining the struggle for **BASIC RIGHTS** for Indian immigrants. He was **arrested many times**, before the government gave in to his demands. When Gandhi returned to India, he found that the British, who had ruled India as a colony since 1858, had passed strict laws to control the Indian population.

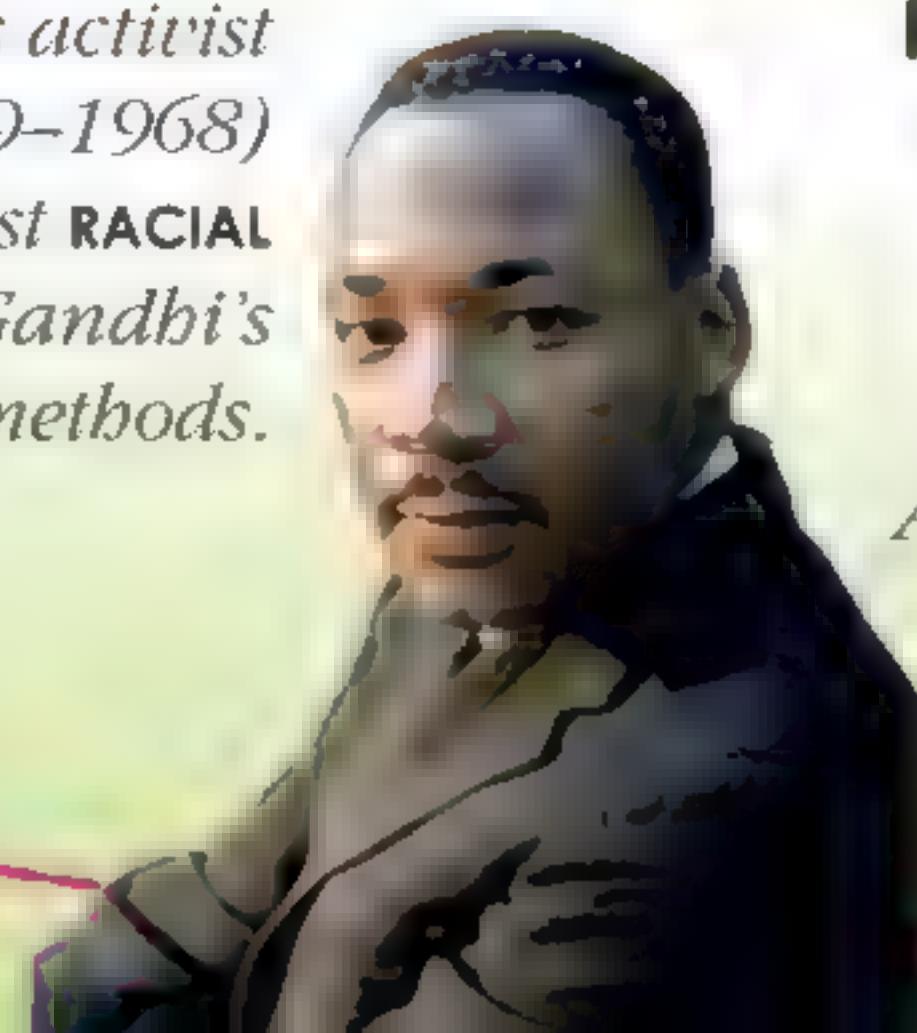
Did you know?
When Gandhi died, he owned only 10 possessions including a watch, sandals, eyeglasses, and an eating bowl.

By the way...
I believe that reacting to violence with more violence is foolish. In a speech, I once said “an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

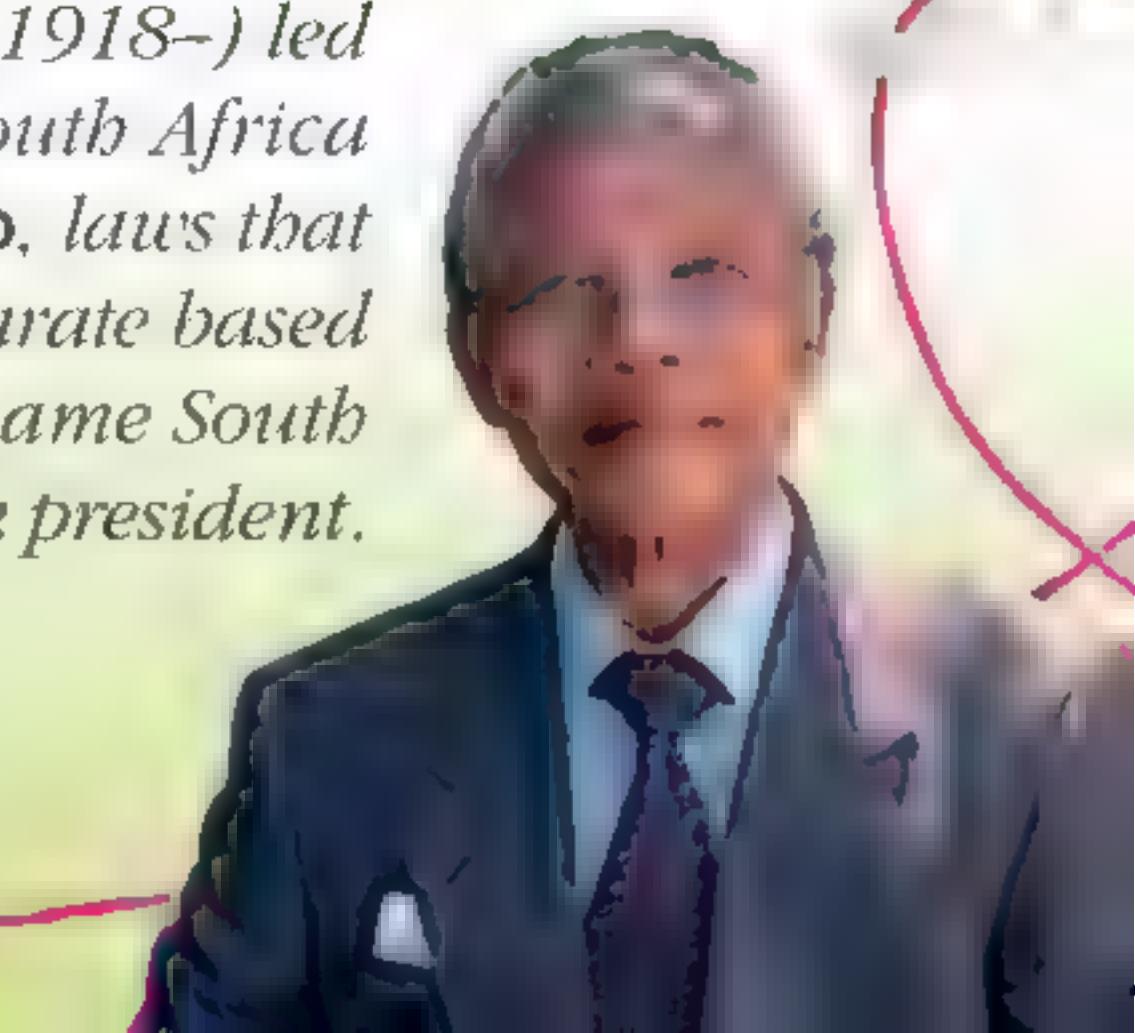


He paved the way for...

American civil rights activist
MARTIN LUTHER KING (1929–1968)
campaigned against **RACIAL INEQUALITIES** using Gandhi's nonviolent methods.



NELSON MANDELA (1918–) led the struggle in South Africa to end **APARTHEID**, laws that kept people separate based on race. He became South Africa's first black president.



A powerful peace

In protest against British rule in India, Gandhi started a *satyagraha*, a nonviolent method of **PROTEST** that included not obeying harsh laws, boycotting British companies, and living as simple a life as possible. Gandhi attracted **millions of followers** and, in 1930, he led 50,000 people marching to the sea in protest against a new salt tax. He spent six years in prison and held a 21-day hunger strike. His ultimate aim was **Indian freedom** and self-rule.



Path to peace

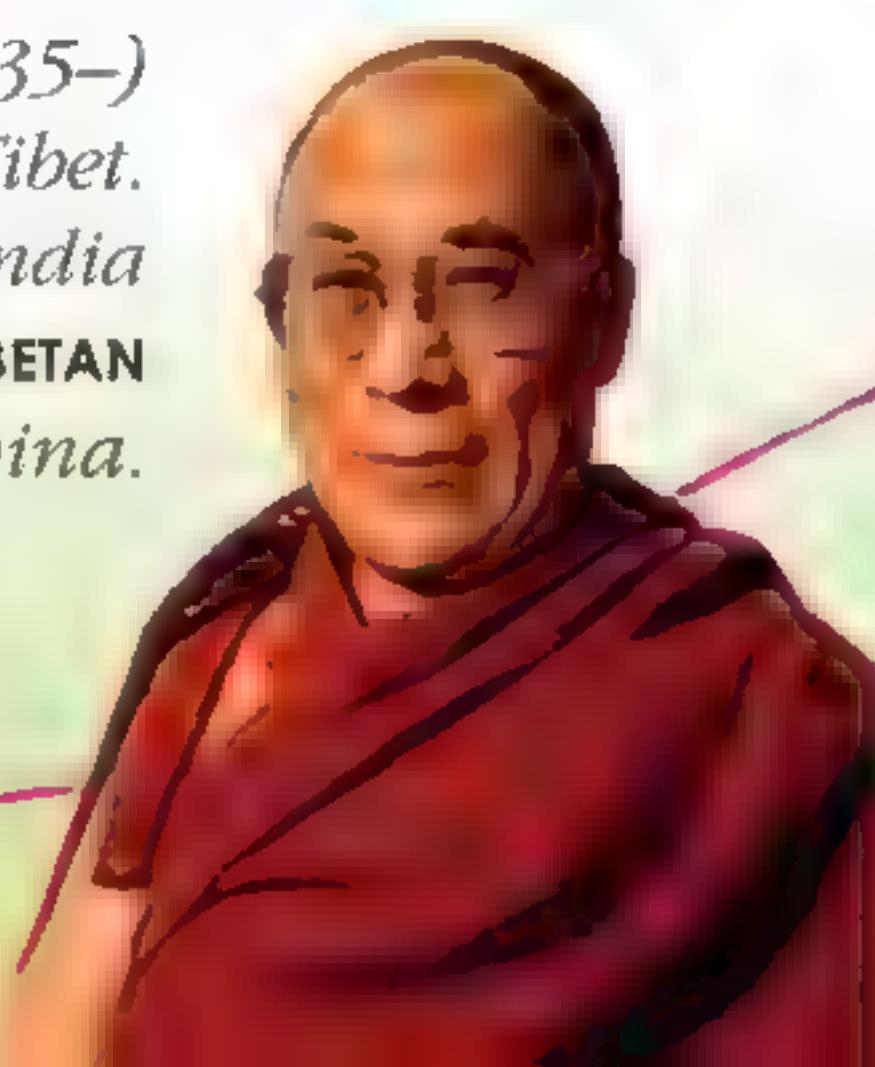
Though his life was cut short, Gandhi accomplished a great deal. He helped to gain independence for the land he loved and end many injustices against his people. He spoke of peace, and his life inspired many who came after him.

He gave speeches sitting at a spinning wheel to encourage people to make their own clothes and to live a simple life.

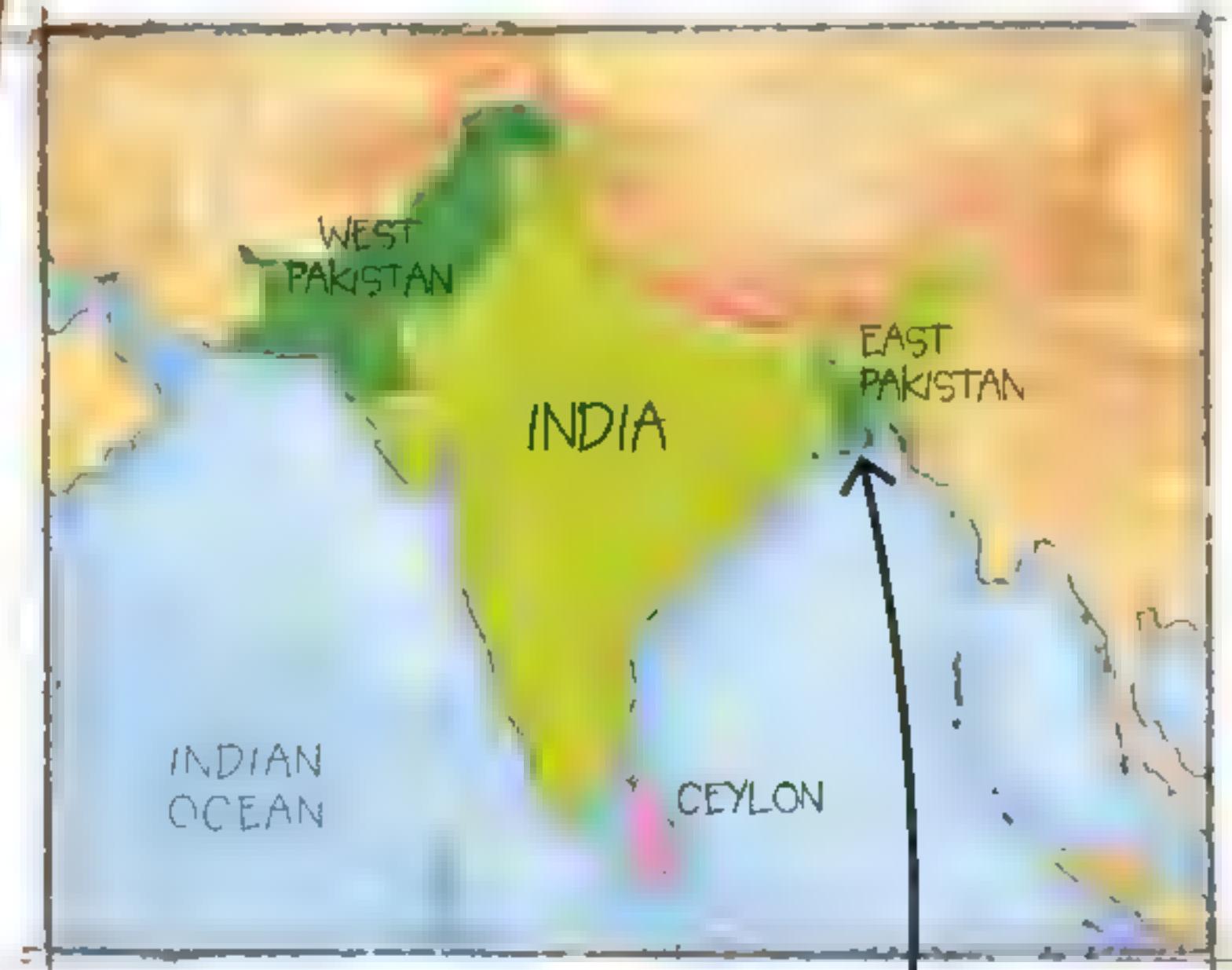


The 14TH DALAI LAMA (1935–) is the spiritual leader of Tibet.

He lives in exile in India and campaigns for **TIKETAN INDEPENDENCE** from China.



AUNG SAN SUU KYI (1945–) campaigns for **DEMOCRACY** in military-ruled Burma and has spent 15 of the last 20 years under house arrest.



In 1971, East Pakistan became the independent country of Bangladesh.

Deng Xiaoping

The Communist who REBELLED against Communism, and masterminded the economic future of China



All about me

- **BORN:** 1904
- **DIED:** 1997
- **NATIONALITY:** Chinese
- **FACTOID:** My name is pronounced as "dung."
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I discovered Marxism as a young man. I joined the Communist Party of China, but I didn't agree with the way that they ran the country.

Opening China to the world

Until the 19th century, China had been one of the **world's largest economies**. However, under Communist rule, the country was closed off from the rest of the world and, by the middle of the 20th century, it was struggling. Deng made **economic reforms** that allowed China to trade with the world again, which attracted foreign investment. Chinese students were also allowed to travel abroad to learn the latest **TECHNOLOGIES**.

A mixed legacy

In just 20 years, under Deng's guidance, China went from being a **farming nation** to one of the world's largest economies. He **improved living standards** and gave citizens more freedom. However, to control the exploding population, he only allowed families to have **ONE CHILD**, which led to a lot of baby girls being abandoned because boys were seen to be more useful.



Mikhail Gorbachev

The Communist who killed off COMMUNISM in the USSR

All about me

- **BORN:** 1931
- **NATIONALITY:** Russian
- **FACTOID:** I graduated from the Moscow State University Law School in 1955.
- **ANOTHER FACTOID:** I won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I became general secretary of the Communist Party in 1985, and president of the USSR in 1988.

Communism before Gorbachev

The philosopher Karl Marx (1818–1883) said that power should be in the hands of the people and **wealth should be shared equally**. In 1917, Vladimir Lenin (1870–1924) led the **RUSSIAN REVOLUTION** and, in 1922, Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Under **Communist rule**, the USSR became closed off from the rest of the world and, by the time Gorbachev took over, its economy was in a mess.



In 1989, the fall of the Berlin Wall, which divided East (communist) Berlin from West (democratic) Berlin, symbolized the end of the Cold War.



The radical reformer

Gorbachev reformed the Soviet Union's economy, and **GAVE NEW FREEDOMS** to Soviet citizens. He opened up talks with Western democracies and, in 1987, he struck a deal with America to end the **nuclear arms race**, which signaled an end to the Cold War. The following year he **withdrew Soviet control** in the Eastern Bloc states in Europe, who then overthrew their Communist regimes.

Nelson Mandela

The man who gave AFRICA back to its people

Mandela fought long and hard against apartheid in South Africa, and spent 27 years in prison, before he was voted the country's first black president.

Young activist

Rolihlahla Mandela was born in Transkei, South Africa, in 1918, and was later given the name **Nelson** by his teacher. After he qualified as a lawyer he became involved with a group trying to bring about **political change** in South Africa, called the **AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)**.

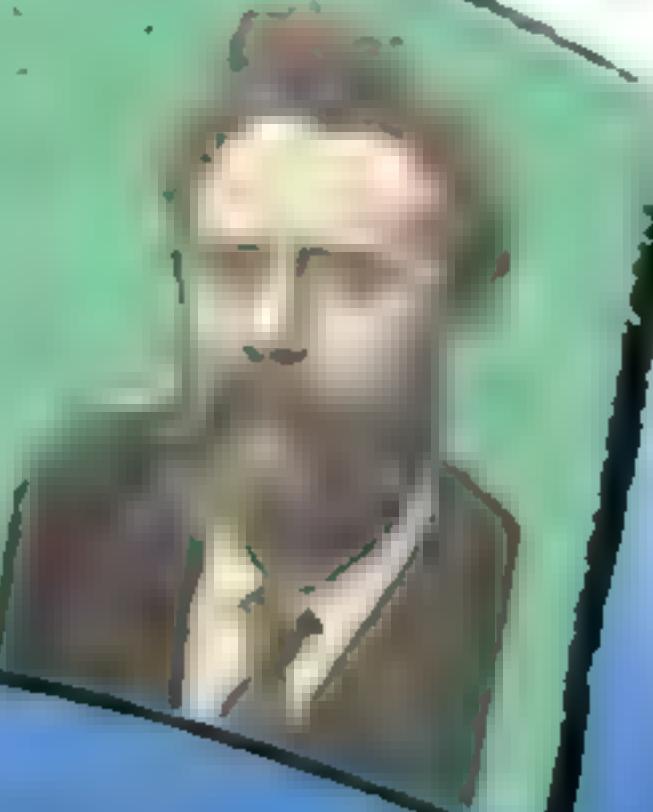


The fight for freedom

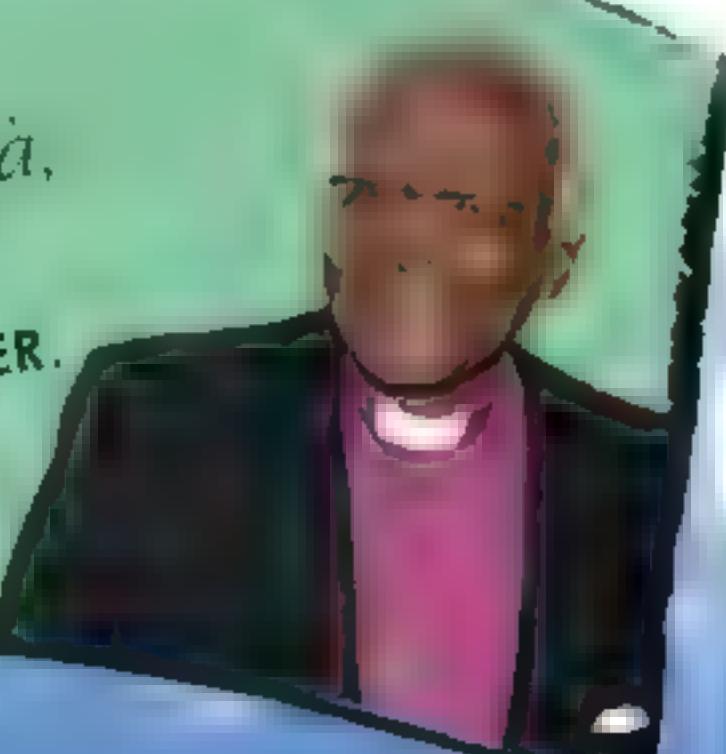
In 1948, the white South African government brought in "apartheid" laws that meant that white and black people had to stay **SEPARATE**. Mandela became deputy leader of the ANC, and they started peaceful protests. But, after police killed 69 protestors, the ANC became more **violent**. The government banned the ANC and Mandela was **arrested** for plotting against the government. In 1964, he was sentenced to **LIFE IMPRISONMENT**.

He couldn't have done it *without...*

In prison, Mandela was inspired by **WILLIAM HENLEY'S** (1849–1903) poem **INVICTUS**: "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul"



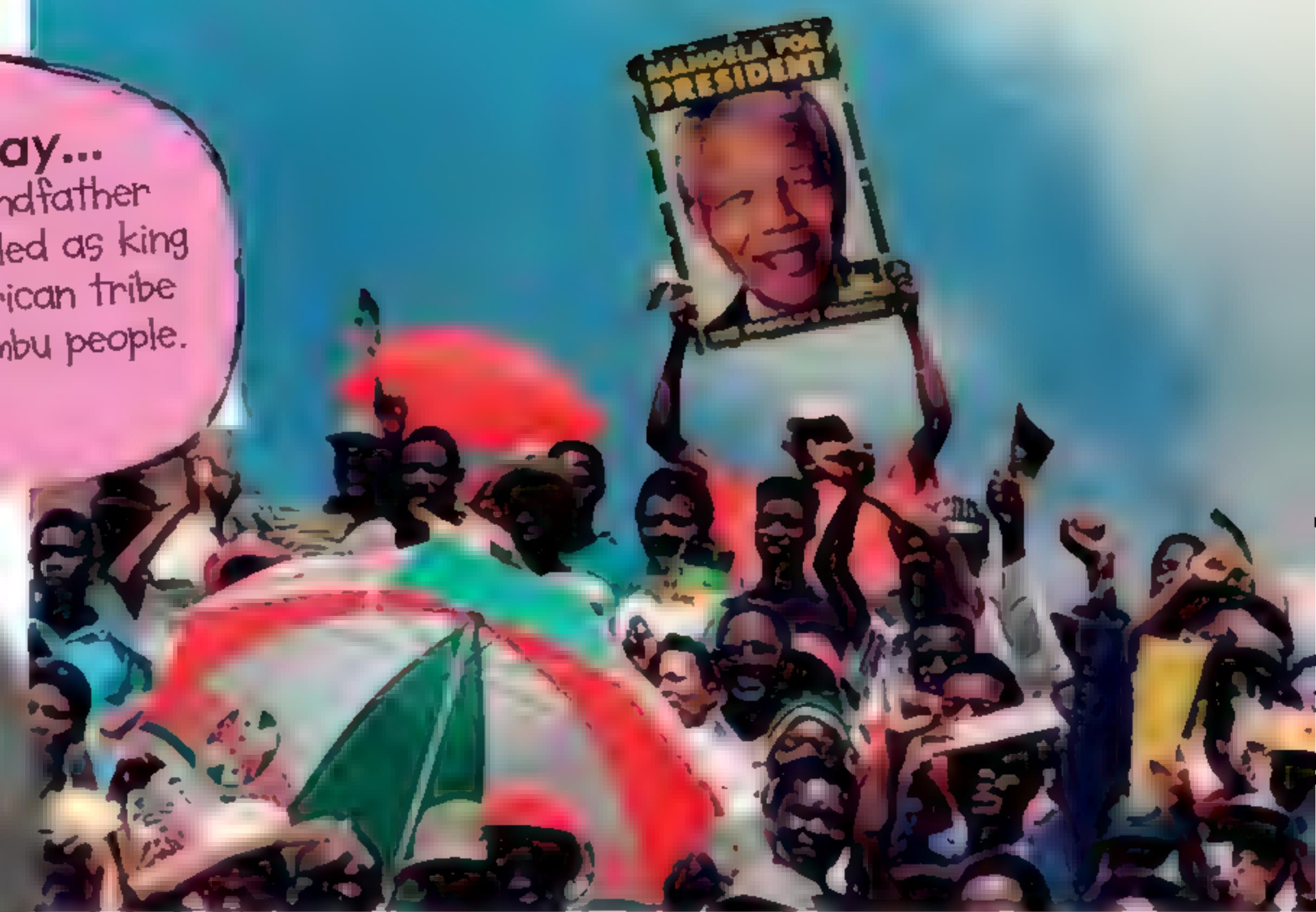
South Africa's first black Archbishop **DESMOND TUTU** (1931–) was, like Mandela, an extremely passionate anti-apartheid **CAMPAIGNER**.





Mandela is one of the most awarded people in history, with more than 250 awards.

By the way...
my great-grandfather
Ngubengcuka ruled as king
of a South African tribe
called the Thembu people.



From prison to power

During his total of **27 years in prison**, Mandela became a symbol of resistance to apartheid around the world. In 1990, he was released, and the ban against the ANC was lifted. In 1991, Mandela became the ANC's leader. He was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1993, and the following year South Africa held its first multiracial election. Mandela was elected the first black **PRESIDENT**.

National hero

Mandela fought for freedom for black South Africans and kept the peace when apartheid ended, even though many people wanted revenge against white land-owners. In 2009, the UN announced that Mandela's birthday, July 18, would be "Mandela Day."

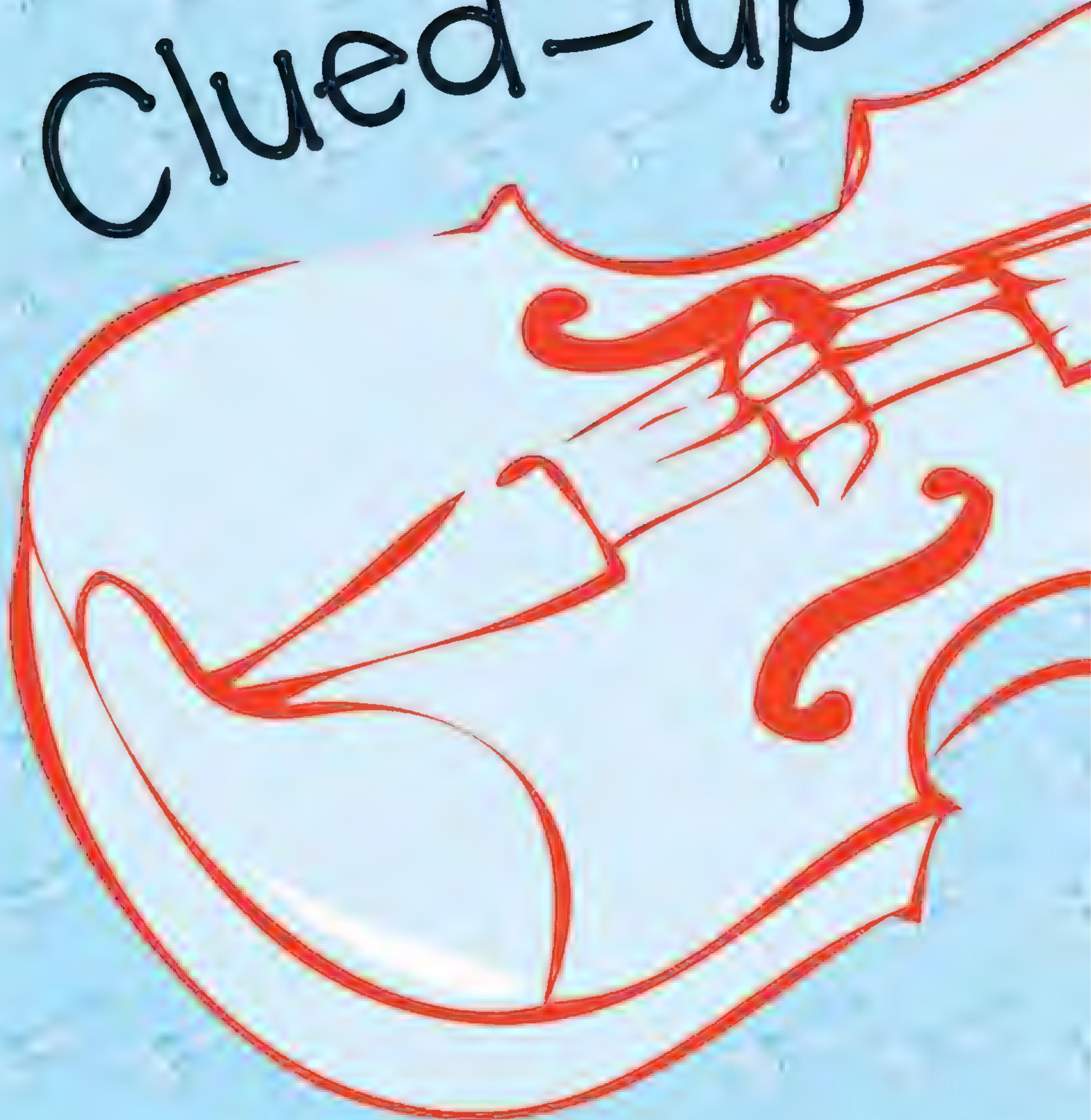
Mandela was inspired by Indian activist **MAHATMA GANDHI**'s (1869–1948) "satyagraha" methods of **NONVIOLENT** protest.

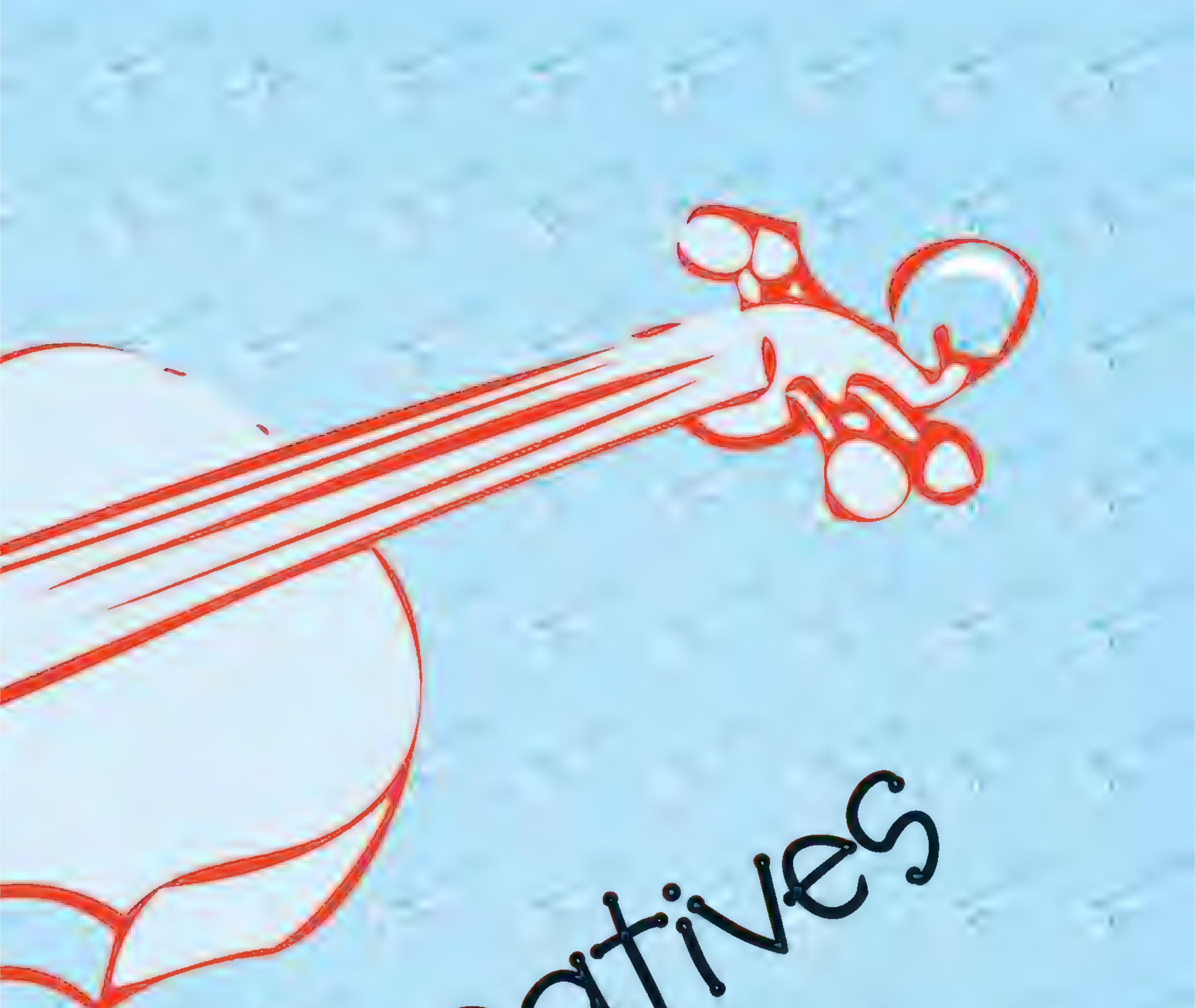


WALTER SISULU (1912–2003) and **OLIVER TAMBO** (1917–1993) were Mandela's fellow anti-apartheid activists, and **ANC MEMBERS**.



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Creatives

The world just wouldn't be the same without these rare talents who have brightened our lives with their creations. They have entertained us with their stories, art, games, music, fashion, and movies—even the package vacation. Thanks to them, boredom isn't an option.

Writers on the block

Creating WORLDS with words

Believe it or not, people were writing books long before Harry Potter came around. Some of them were pretty good, too.

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

School children all over the world might think this English writer is **BORING**, but with the likes of **Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and Macbeth**, he created some of literature's **greatest characters**. He was a real wordsmith, too, inventing around 1,700 of the words we use today.



Shakespeare's wife and children were all illiterate

Voltaire (1694–1778)

This French writer just couldn't stop. He wrote more than **2,000 books** and pamphlets, and an incredible 20,000 letters. **He used his wit to criticize the king and government**, and spent most of his life in **FEAR OF BEING JAILED**.



Aleksandr Pushkin (1799–1837)

Books in Russia were pretty boring until Pushkin came along and shook things up. He threw away the ***formal language style*** used before him and wrote his books in the sort of language people used in **EVERYDAY LIFE**. His work has influenced Russian literature ever since.



Pushkin died at age 37 when he was defeated in a duel

Lu Xun (1881–1936)

For centuries, Chinese stories always had a **god as the hero**. Lu Xun wrote his stories from the ***point of view of normal people***, which was far more engaging. He is known as the **FATHER OF MODERN CHINESE LITERATURE**.

Virginia Woolf (1882–1941)

This English feminist author came up with a ***new kind of storytelling***. Her stories were told in the same way that people think—by using her character's **inner voice** to tell the tale through their thoughts in a **STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS**.



Thomas Cook

The man who sent Britain PACKING

In the 1800s, a vacation was just an ice cream and a swim at the nearest beach until Thomas Cook opened up the world.

By the way...

when I organized my first around-the-world tour, I traveled more than 25,000 miles (40,000 km), and was away for 222 days.

Preaching to the people

Thomas Cook was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1808. He trained as a cabinetmaker, but was also very **religious** and spent his spare time with a local **TEMPERANCE SOCIETY** that traveled around telling people why they shouldn't drink alcohol.

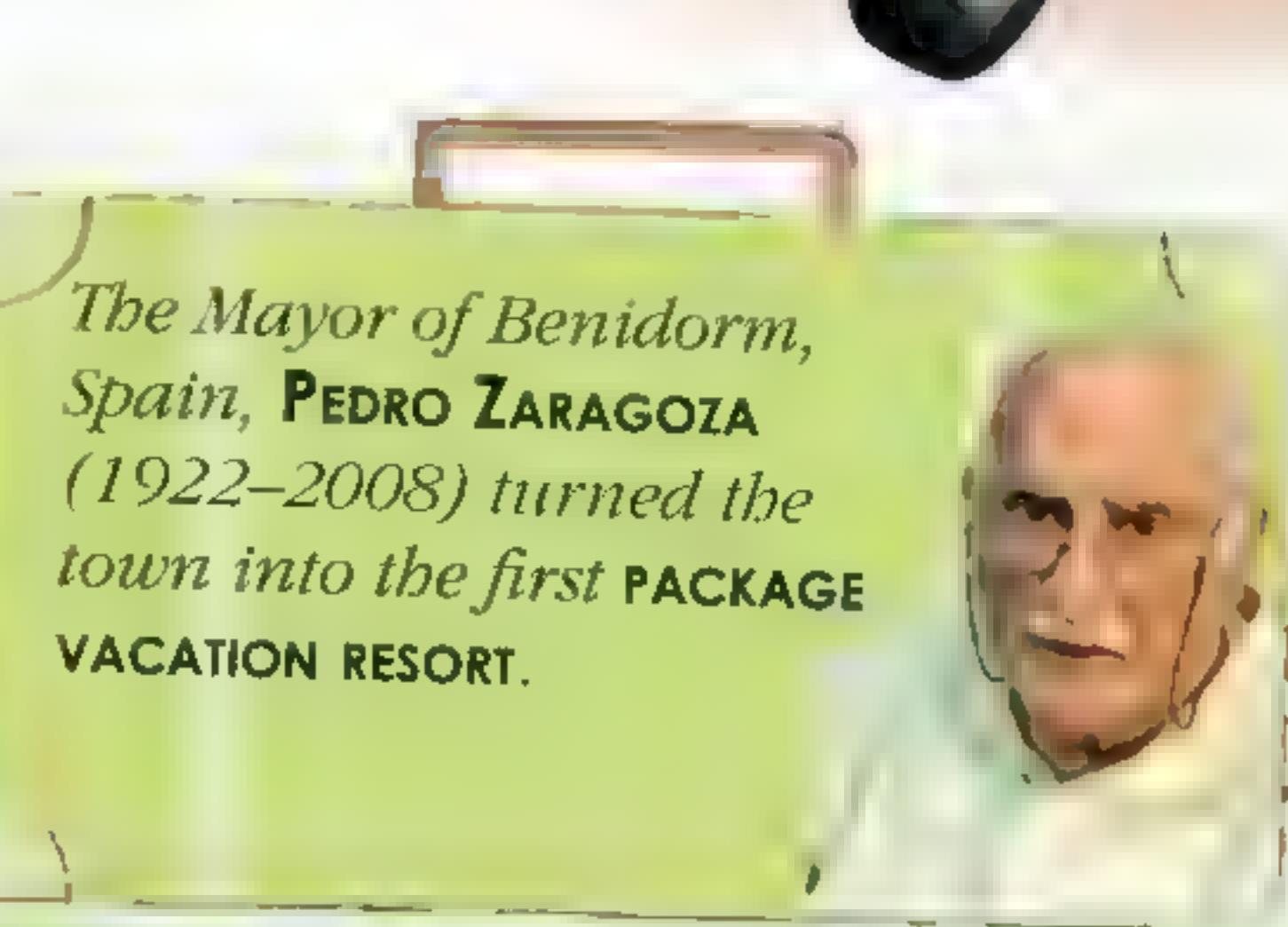
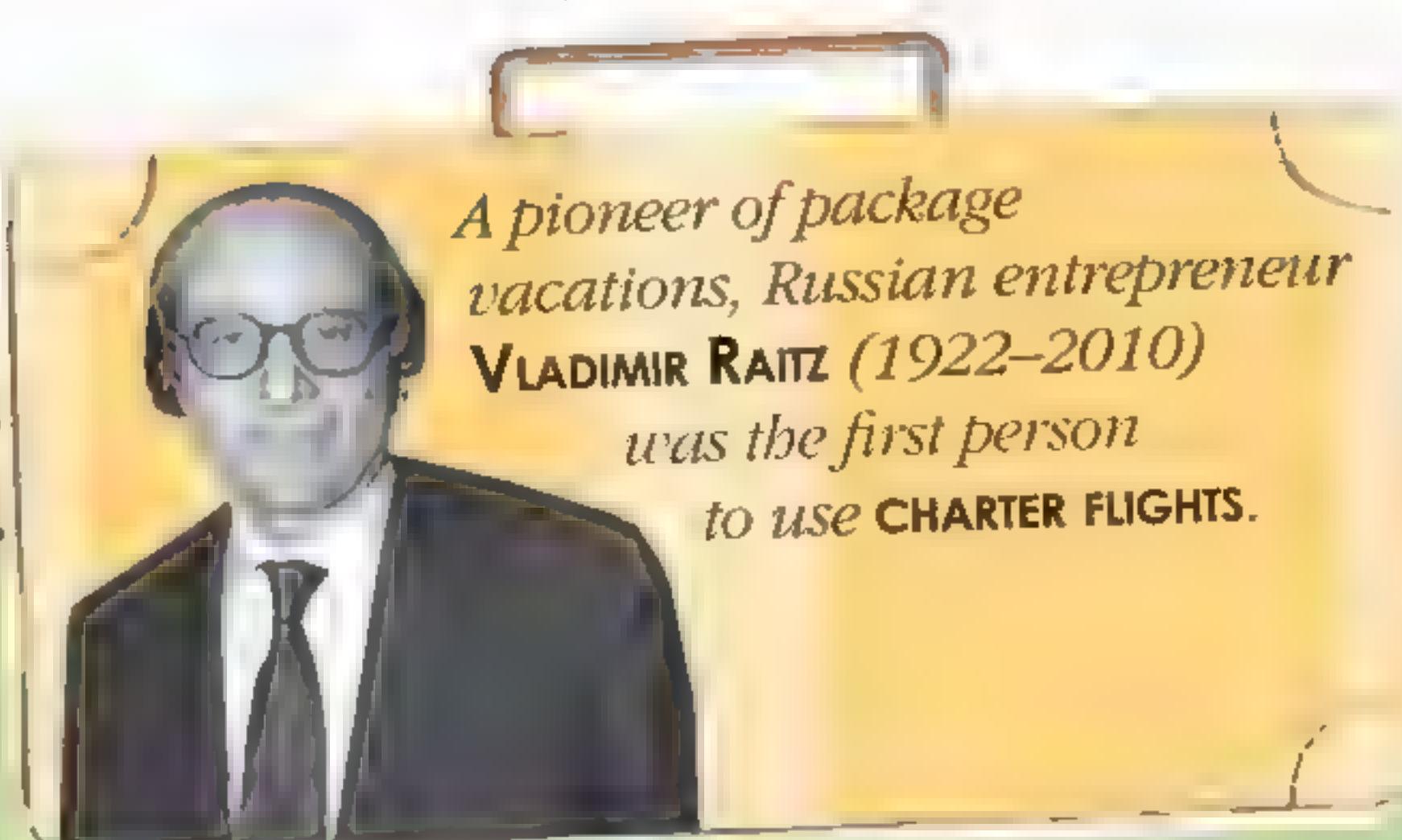
Training for success

In 1841, Cook arranged a trip for 570 members of his temperance society on a new railway that had been built from Leicester to Loughborough in England. **HE CHARGED THE PASSENGERS** one shilling to cover the cost of the trip and lunch. *The trip was a great success*, and Cook realized he was onto something.

Did you know?

Cook wrote one of the first travel guides, *A Handbook of the Trip to Liverpool*.

He paved the way for...



Cook invented the traveler's check in 1874



The world is your oyster

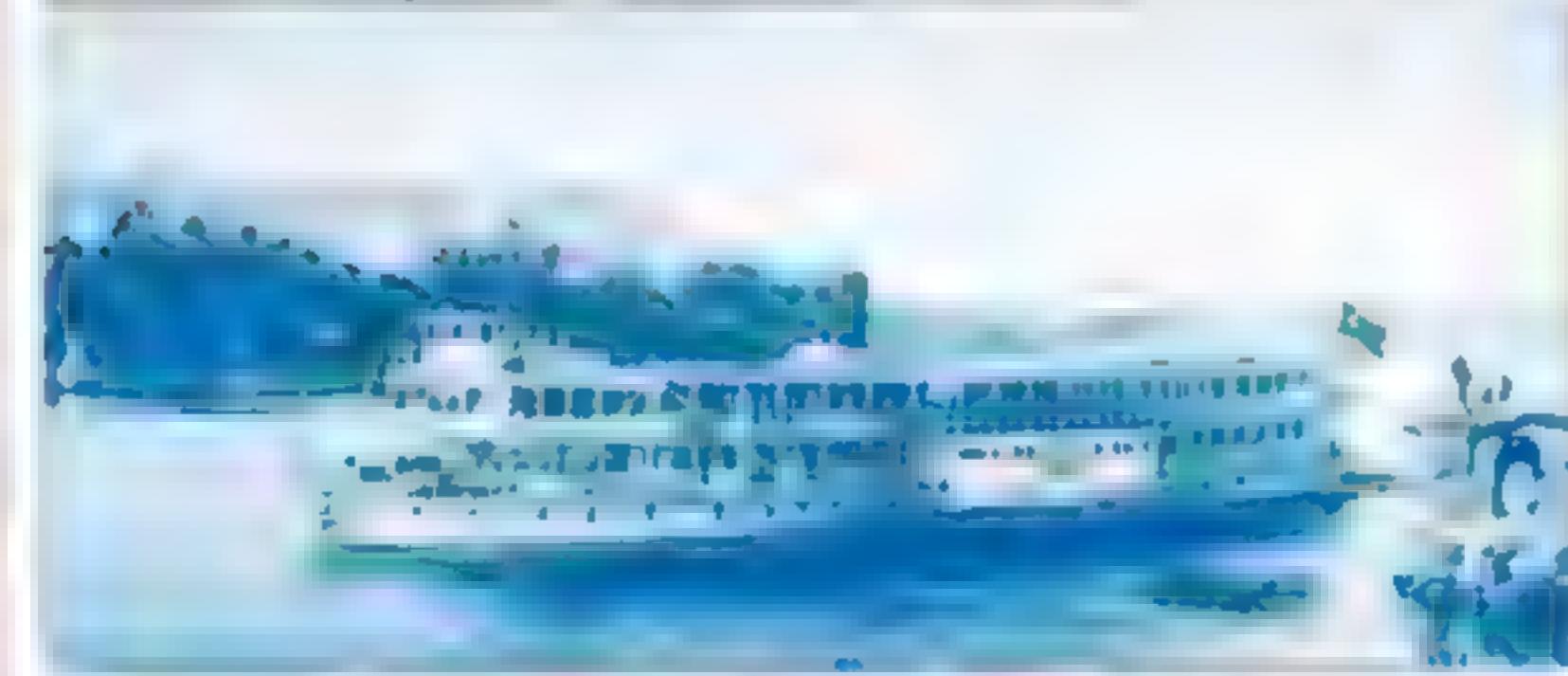
The idea of buying one ticket to cover an entire trip was revolutionary.

Cook's package vacations made affordable travel available to ordinary citizens at a time when only the rich could afford such luxuries.

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Steaming forward

Cook started running **regular railway trips** and was soon conducting tours of Scotland. His trips grew in popularity and, by 1863, he had moved to London and was organizing tours to *exotic locations like Egypt*. By 1872, Thomas Cook was offering a **212-DAY AROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR**. For only 270 guineas, people could travel by steamship across the Atlantic, catch a stagecoach across America, and take a paddle steamer to Japan.

The NO-FRILLS airline was pioneered in 1966 by FREDDIE LAKER (1922–2006). It made travel much more affordable.

RICHARD BRANSON's (1950–) VIRGIN GALACTIC will be the first company to offer flights into space to members of the public.

Walt Disney

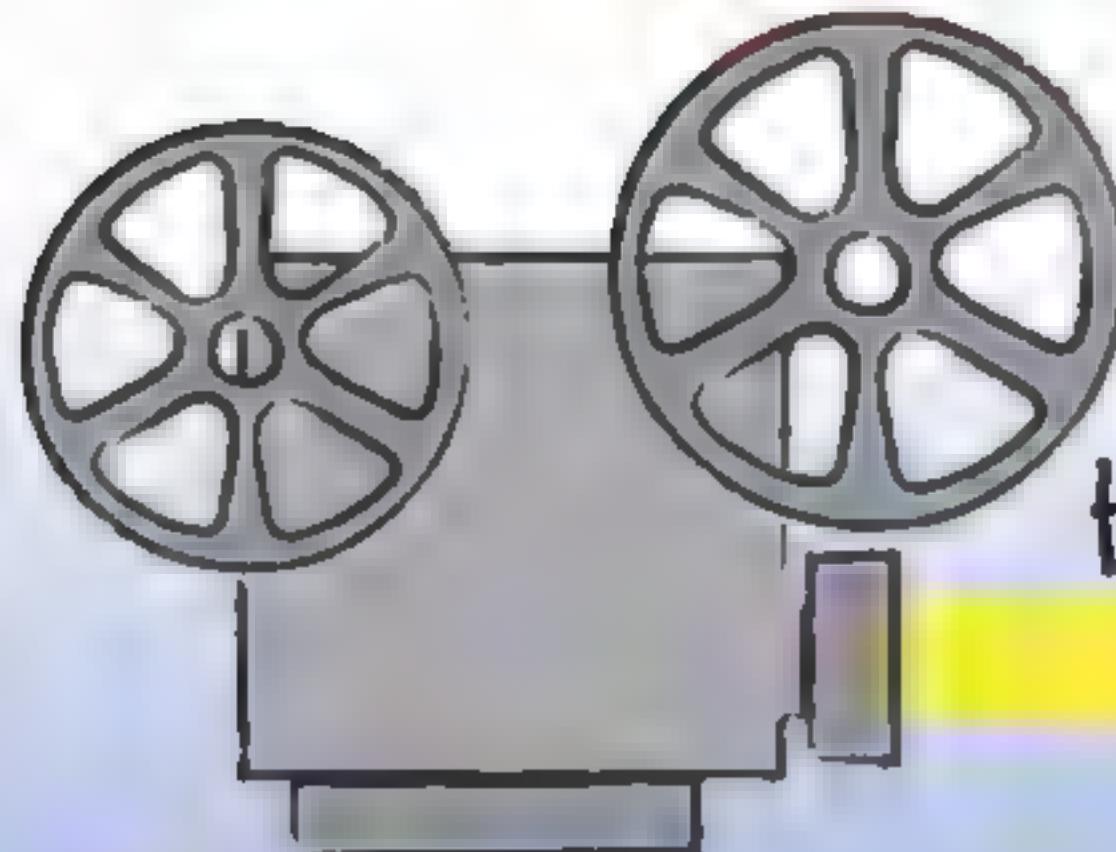
The man who brought
DRAWINGS to life

Walt Disney brought us some
of the world's best-loved cartoon
characters, making the world a
more colorful and magical place.

Early sketches

Walt Disney was born in 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. From the age of four, he lived on a farm where he discovered his love of drawing animals. He won a scholarship to art college and, when he left, he started a company with his animator friend Ub Iwerks (1901–1971), making short ANIMATED films for a chain of theaters. Unfortunately, the company went bankrupt, so Walt and Ub **moved to Hollywood**.

Did you know?
Disney was nominated for 59 Oscars and he won 22 of them—more than anyone else in the world.



He couldn't have done it without...

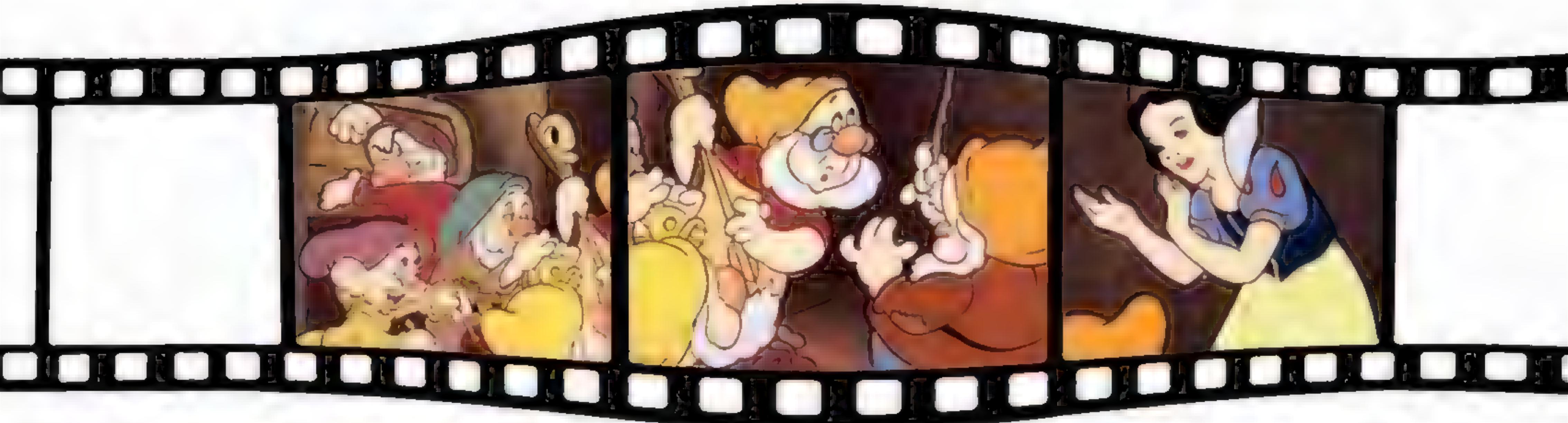
WILLIAM GEORGE HORNER (1786–1837)
invented the modern ZOETROPE in
1834. It created the illusion that
a drawing was moving.



By the way...
my character Mickey
Mouse was originally called
"Mortimer Mouse", but my
wife thought "Mortimer"
was too serious.

Spinning the cylinder and
looking through the slits makes
the sequence of images inside
appear to move.



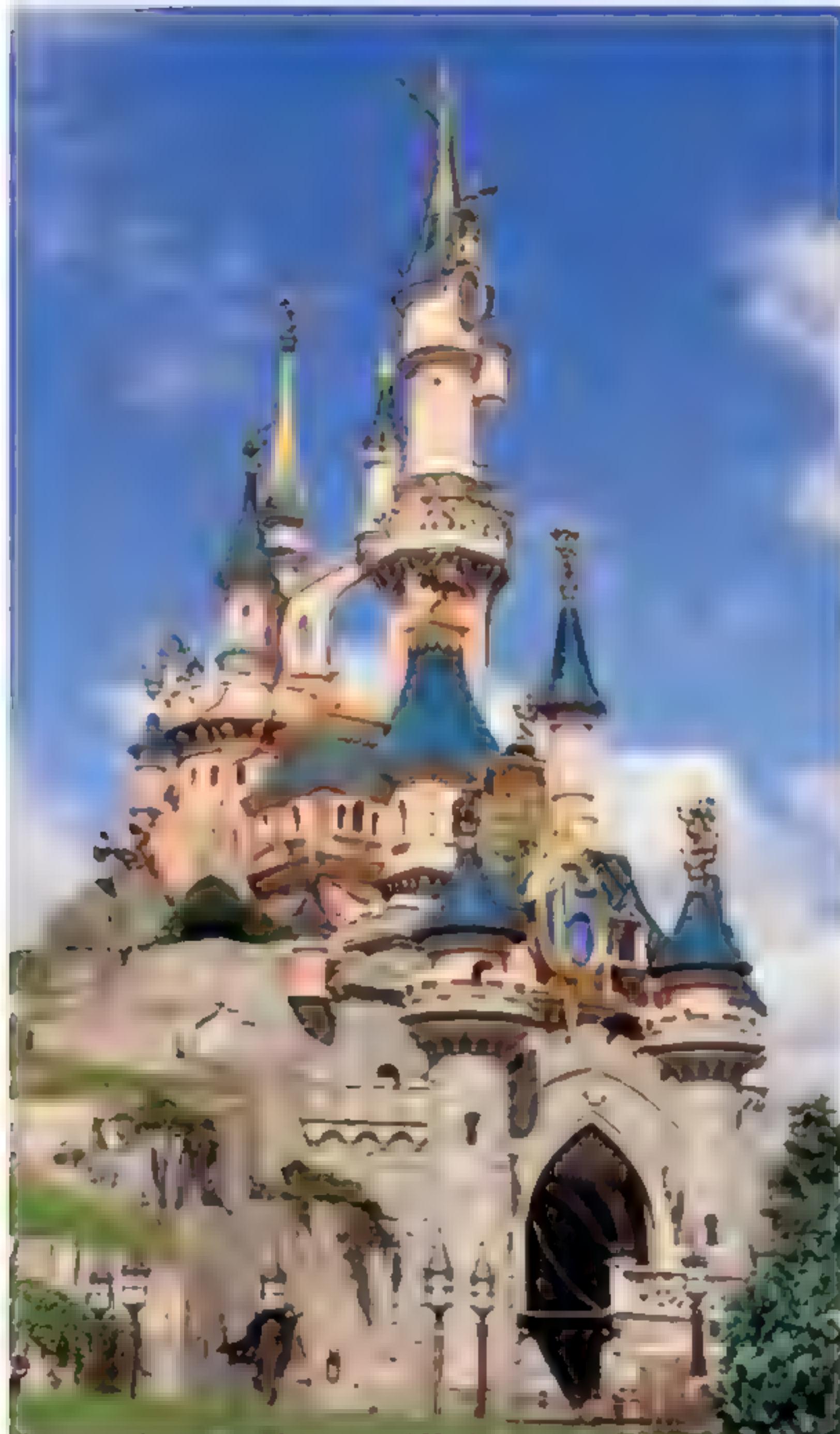


First feature

In 1934, Disney came up with the idea of creating a movie-length cartoon called *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Everyone in **Hollywood** thought it was a silly idea and joked about it being "Disney's Folly." However, *Snow White* was a **HUGE SUCCESS** and even won an Oscar. In 1946, Disney also pioneered mixed animation with live-action in *Song of the South*.

Disneyland

In 1955, Disney gave his creations a new home when he opened the "**DISNEYLAND**" theme park in California. This brought together characters from his cartoons, films, and TV series. Disneyland soon became one of the world's most **popular** tourist attractions.



Flip books have one image on each sheet. Each image is slightly different to the previous one.

In 1868, **JOHN BARNES LINNETT** invented the **FLIP BOOK**. When flipped quickly, the sequence of images fools your brain into seeing a moving image.



In 1892, **CHARLES EMILE REYNAUD** (1844–1918) projected the **FIRST ANIMATED FILM**, a loop of 500 hand-painted images, which lasted about 15 minutes.





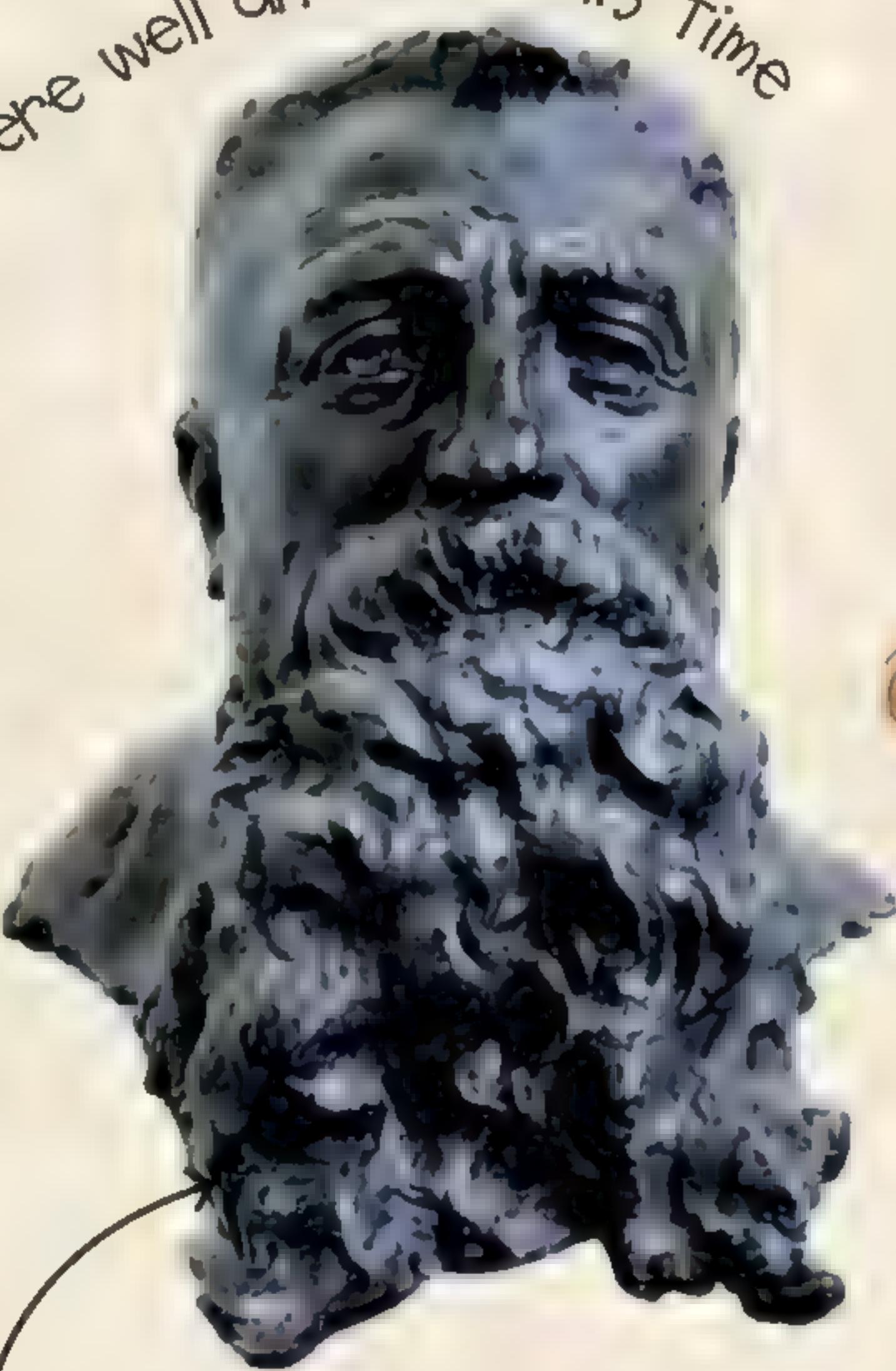
Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)

Italian RENAISSANCE MAN da Vinci was not content with creating some of art's greatest works, including the *Mona Lisa* and the *Last Supper*, so he also studied anatomy, geology, gravity, optics, and flight. He designed the first bicycle, helicopter, and parachute. He even created a robot knight!

Leonardo's ideas were well ahead of his time

Auguste Rodin (1840–1917)

This French sculptor wasn't afraid to show man's bad points. His sculptures showed misery and weakness, as well as beauty and passion. Some of his most famous works, such as *The Thinker* and *The Age of Bronze*, were SO REALISTIC that many people believed he had somehow cheated.



Rodin showed his subjects as they really appeared—even when he sculpted himself.

Gallery of artists

Ever since people first populated the planet, there have been artists who created beautiful imagery. These artists really made their mark.

Bringing more COLOR to the world

Vincent van Gogh

(1853–1890)

This tortured Dutch painter *created all his work in just 10 years*. His paintings are known for their **BRIGHT COLORS AND BOLD BRUSH STROKES**. Even though he is considered to be one of the greatest post-impressionist painters, **he lived in poverty**, and sold only one painting while he was alive.

After a fight, van Gogh cut off part of his ear



Pablo Picasso

(1881–1973)

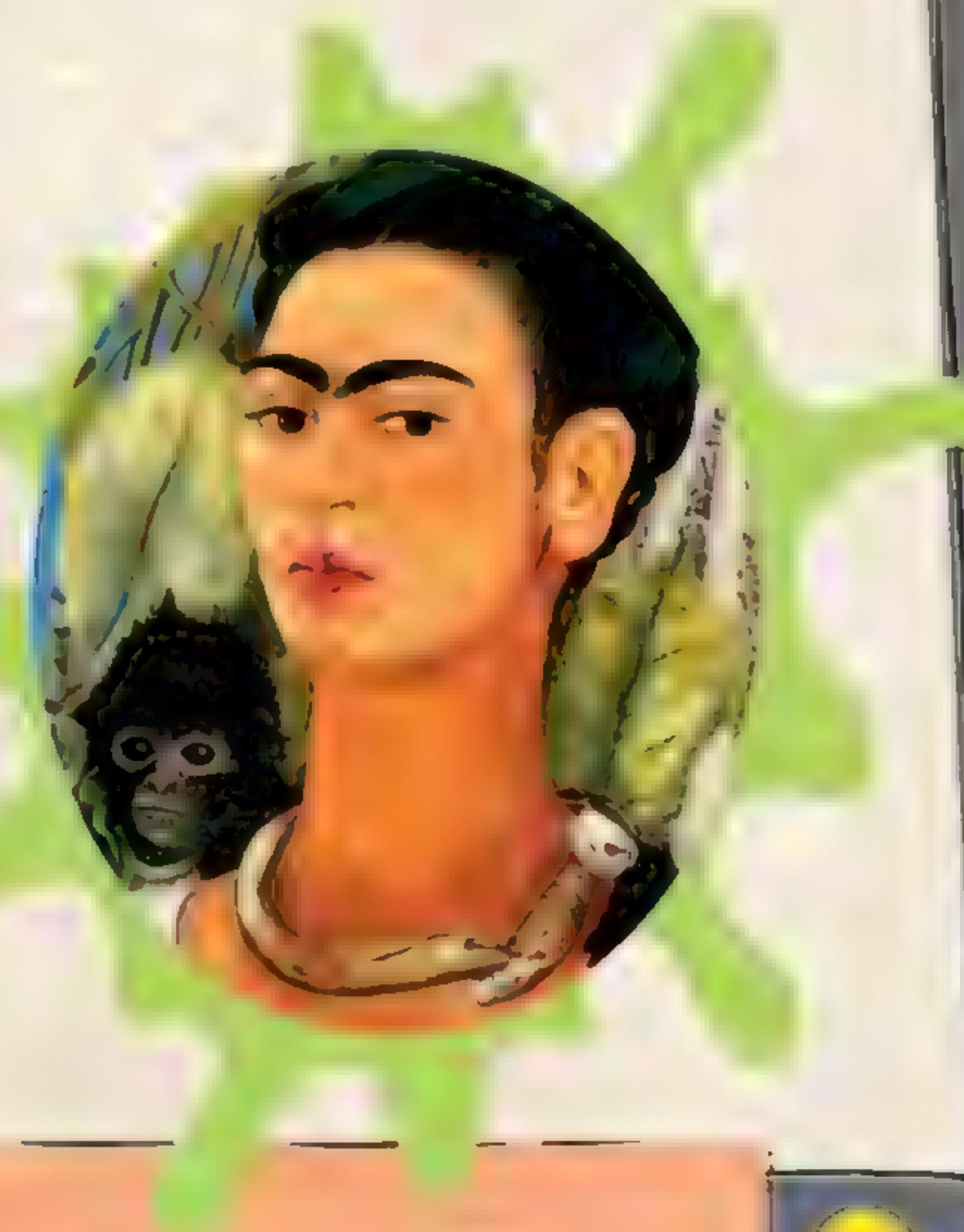
Spanish artist Picasso was the playboy of the art world. He **experimented with lots of different styles**, but is best known for creating “**CUBISM**,” which uses shapes such as triangles and squares to create an impression of the subject. Unlike van Gogh, Picasso had no trouble selling his paintings and *became very rich*.

Frida Kahlo

(1907–1954)

Kahlo was a Mexican artist who mixed traditional Mexican art with modern “**SURREALISM**” (a strange dreamlike style).

After a bus crash left her crippled and in constant pain, she started creating oil paintings *to distract herself*. Many of her paintings are self-portraits, which, despite their bright colors, **reflect her suffering**.



All about me

- **BORN:** 1883
- **DIED:** 1971
- **NATIONALITY:** French
- **FACTOID:** I lived in the Ritz hotel for more than 30 years.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** My mother died of tuberculosis, and my father left the family, so I spent six years in an orphanage.

Chanel's clothes were custom-made using only the highest quality fabric.

Trendsetter

Coco opened her first shop in Paris, France, in 1909. At first she sold hats, but soon she started selling **luxury clothes**, fabrics, and jewelry. Coco introduced styles to the fashion world that were seen to be **RADICAL** at the time, such as the bobbed haircut, trousers for women, bathing suits, and the **little black dress**. She even (accidentally) made the sun tan fashionable when she got sunburned while on holiday.

By the way...
my real name was Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel. After I left the orphanage, I worked as a cabaret singer, where I became known as "Coco."

Going global

Coco's little fashion boutique became one of the most **profitable and iconic** fashion houses of all time. Her most famous product was a **perfume**, Chanel No 5, which made her one of the richest women in the world. Even today, she is regarded as an **ICON OF STYLE AND ELEGANCE**, and her classic designs still influence fashion.

Chanel No 5 is still the world's bestselling perfume.



Coco Chanel

The woman who **STYLED** the 20th century, and changed the face of fashion



David Ogilvy

The man who created the idea of a BRAND and became the “father of modern advertising”

All about me

- **BORN:** 1911
- **DIED:** 1999
- **NATIONALITY:** English
- **FACTOID:** I was also a cook, a farmer, and a spy.
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** I started selling Aga cooking stoves door-to-door in Scotland. My big break came after I wrote a manual for other Aga salesmen on how to sell more ovens.

A new approach

A big advertising agency were so impressed by David's Aga manual that they gave him a job as an **account executive**. His first success came when he was put in charge of a hotel opening. He printed lots of postcards and sent them to everyone in the local phone book. The hotel opened to a **FULL HOUSE**.

By the way...
my book, Confessions of an Advertising Man became one of the most popular and famous books on advertising. It's still a bestseller.

Ogilvy's Aga sales manual became an instant classic.

Sales Manual

The slogan king

In 1948, Ogilvy started up his own advertising agency **Hewitt, Ogilvy, Benson, and Mather**. He created many of the world's most successful **ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS**. He helped double Rolls-Royce sales with the slogan “At 60 miles an hour, the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the electric clock.” Another huge success was his “Schweppesence” campaign for the drinks manufacturer. Soon everyone was **copying his style**.



Ole Kirk Kristiansen

The BRICK that changed the world

The LEGO® Group began with Ole Kirk Kristiansen's belief that "only the best is good enough." In time, a little plastic brick would take the world by storm.

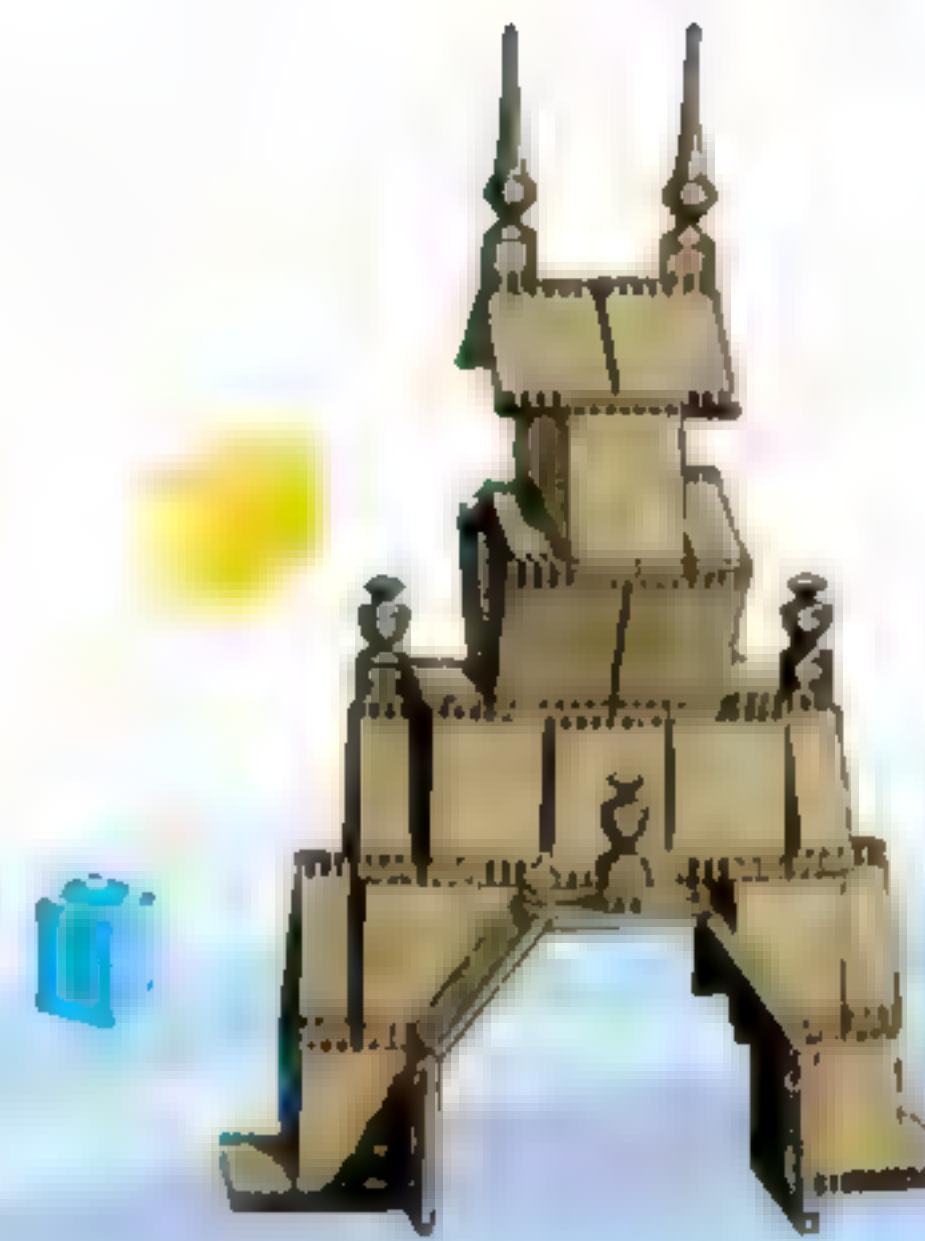
Starting blocks

Kristiansen was born in the village of Filskov, Denmark, in 1891. When he finished school, he became a **carpenter** and started his own business. He built houses, and made stepladders and ironing boards, but he also made toys, including trains, cars, and ducks. In 1934, he named the company LEGO, deriving from two Danish words *leg godt*, or **PLAY WELL**.

By the way...
in 1949, I launched "Automatic Binding Bricks," but it wasn't until 1958 that my son, Godtfred Kirk Kristiansen, invented the LEGO brick as we know it today.

He couldn't have done it without...

The **FIRST BUILDING BLOCK SET** was made of wood by the brilliant German educator **FRIEDRICH FROEBEL** (1782–1882) in 1840.



American toymakers **JESSE** (1858–1920) and **CHARLES CRANDALL** (1833–1905) made the first **INTERLOCKING** blocks in the 1860s.

Building excitement

LEGO bricks could **LINK TOGETHER**, which meant children could build all sorts of exciting shapes.

After the LEGO Group launched the brightly colored plastic bricks, intensive work was carried out to improve the bricks. In 1955, the LEGO Group produced the “**LEGO System of Play**,” focusing on the endless possibilities of the LEGO brick. They even brought out a *version for smaller hands*, called LEGO® DUPLO®.



LEGO conquers the world

The first LEGO sets went on sale in America in 1961, and it wasn’t long until they were **on sale throughout the world**. In 1977, they brought out kits for older kids called LEGO Technic. Today, you can buy sets that let you build your favorite vehicles and characters from blockbuster films, and even **programmable robots**. People enjoy LEGO computer games, and can visit **LEGOLAND THEME PARKS**.



The number of LEGO bricks sold each year could reach five times around the world.

Building imaginations

LEGO bricks gave children a tool to be creative like no toy before or after it, and is still one of the world’s most popular toys. In 60 years, the company has made an amazing 400 billion parts—that’s 62 bricks for every person on the planet.

In 1882, **FRIEDRICH RICHTER** (1847–1910) from Germany popularized **ANCHOR BLOCKS**.



The **IVARSSON BROTHERS** from Sweden founded **BRIO** in 1908, and made connecting wooden trains.



Musicians

Making music from their IMAGINATIONS

A composer can turn a bunch of squiggles into music so powerful it casts a spell on you. Meet some masters of musical magic.

The piano was invented in Italy around 1700



Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

As a child, Bach had a beautiful soprano voice. This German is considered to be one of the **GREATEST COMPOSERS** who ever lived, but, while he was alive, he was more famous as a great organist. It wasn't until he'd been dead for 100 years that his *true genius* was recognized.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

The **PRECOCIOUS** young Austrian started composing music when he was just five years old. He *toured the courts* of Europe when he was just six, and, by the time he was an old man of 14, he had written his first opera.



Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)

Russian composer Tchaikovsky began piano lessons when he was five and could **read music better than his dad** by the time he was eight. His ballet *The Nutcracker* is a winter holiday favorite, and *Swan Lake* remains popular.

Ali Akbar Khan (1922–2009)

This Indian musician thought six-string guitars were for wimps, so he played an Indian version, called a **SAROD** that had 25 strings! He was the **court musician for a Maharaja**, and was credited with bringing Indian music to attention of the world.



Unlike a guitar, a sarod has moveable frets



Toru Takemitsu (1930–1996)

This **SELF-TAUGHT** Japanese musician and composer brought together jazz, popular music, western classical music, and Asian music. He composed the score for more than **90 Japanese films**, but is better known in the Western world as a classical composer.

Elvis Presley

The KING of rock and roll

Elvis Presley was a singer, film star, and cultural icon. He starred in many films and sold more than a billion records—that's why fans call him the “king.”



A new sound

His first single, “*That's alright*,” was released in 1954. The first time it was played on the radio, the listeners loved it so much that the DJ played it again and again for two whole hours. His unique sound that he took from traditional blues music and his **hip-shaking** dance moves were unlike anything that people had ever heard or seen before. By the time Elvis died in 1977, he had sold more than **600 MILLION** singles and albums.

He paved the way for...



With songs like “*Johnny be Good*” and “*Roll over Beethoven*,” **CHUCK BERRY** (1926–) was a pioneer of rock and roll music in the 1950s.



Let's applaud...

They may not have made the top 100—but these TOP PEOPLE made a top contribution to AMERICAN AND CANADIAN HISTORY.

Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)

Franklin first became known as a printer in Philadelphia, but he was also a civic leader, a writer, a scientist, an inventor, and one of the Founding Fathers of the American Revolution.

Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826)

Jefferson was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. He was later Ambassador to France and Secretary of State. As the third president of the United States from 1801 to 1808, he approved the Louisiana Purchase.

Noah Webster (1758–1843)

Webster was the author of *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, first published in 1828. He was also an educational reformer dedicated to the idea that American children should learn from American books.

Eli Whitney (1765–1825)

Whitney was an inventor who developed the cotton gin, which revolutionized the way cotton was prepared for market. He also promoted the use of interchangeable parts in manufacturing, which made for more reliable products.

Sacajawea (c.1788–1812)

A young Native American woman who became an interpreter and guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804, Sacajawea accompanied the explorers from present-day North Dakota to the Pacific Northwest and back again.

Abraham Lincoln (1809–1865)

As President of the United States, Lincoln led the Union during the greatest crisis in the country's history, the Civil War. He was assassinated on April 15, 1865, six days after the war ended.

Frederick Douglass (1818–1895)

Born into slavery, Douglass escaped as a young man after secretly learning to read and write. He became an inspirational writer and speaker, challenging the established views of racism and helping to see them changed.

Walt Whitman (1819–1892)

A writer who volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War, Whitman's masterpiece was *Leaves of Grass*, which contained only 12 poems when first published in 1855. He added hundreds more in later editions over his lifetime.

Sir Sandford Fleming (1827–1915)

Fleming was an engineer and inventor from Scotland who moved to Canada at age 17. He was inspired to propose worldwide time zones after missing a train in 1876 that had incorrectly posted the departure time.

Louisa May Alcott (1832–1888)

The author of many books, notably *Little Women*, Alcott chronicled the adventures of the four March girls during the Civil War. She based much of her writing on the experiences of herself and her family.

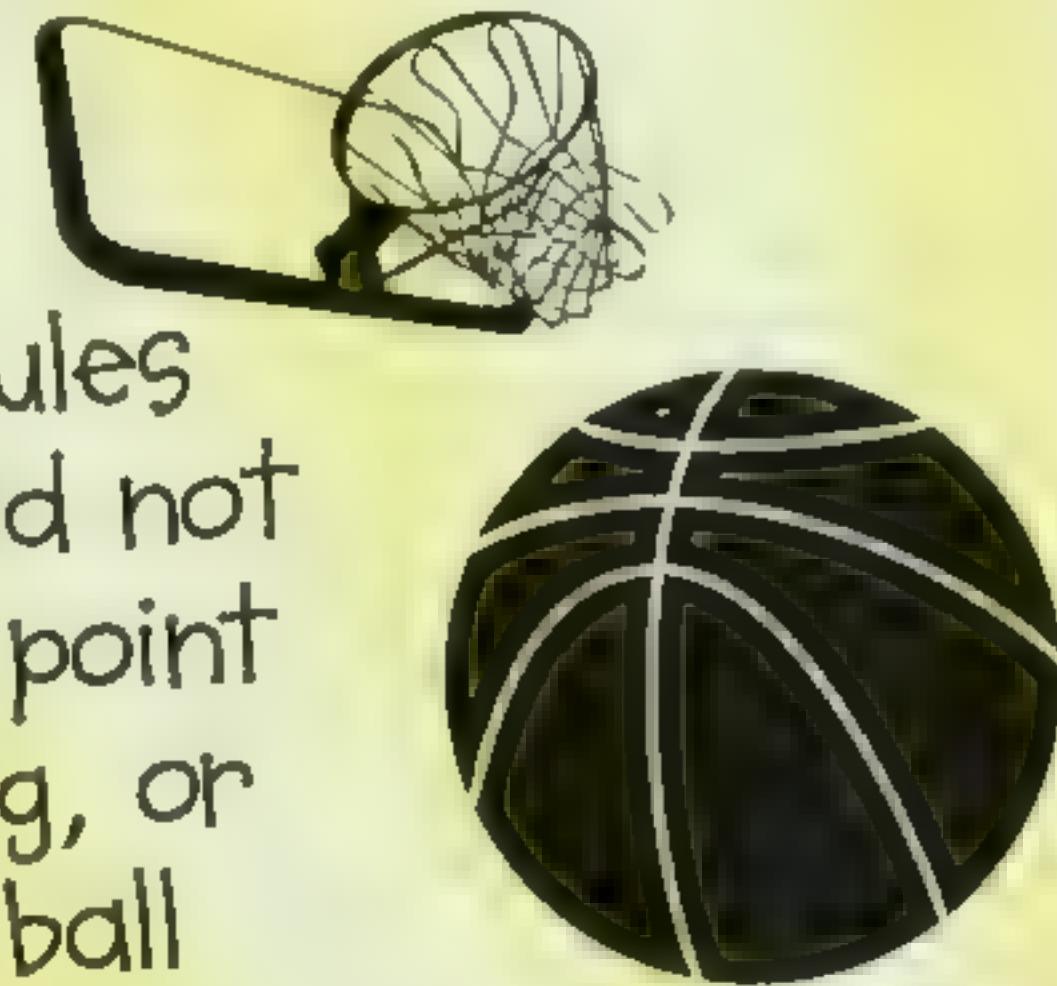
Andrew Carnegie (1835–1919)

After immigrating from Scotland as a child, Carnegie made a great fortune in the emerging steel industry. He used his wealth to create many charitable organizations, including more than 1,600 public libraries across the United States.

Mark Twain (1835–1910)

Samuel Langorne Clemens was better known by his pen name, Mark Twain. The prolific writer and humorist was best known for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

The original rules of basketball did not include three-point shots, dribbling, or dunking the ball



Mary Cassatt (1844–1926)

One of the few women artists of the 19th century, Cassatt worked as both a painter and printmaker. She spent much of her adult life in France where she was friends with many of the Impressionists.

James Naismith (1861–1939)

Naismith invented the game of basketball in 1891, while working as a physical education teacher in Springfield, MA. Points were scored by throwing a ball into a peach basket nailed high on the wall.

George Washington Carver (1864–1943)

A scientist and educator, Carver pioneered the use of crops, such as peanuts and soybeans, which were a valuable source of nutrition. He was the first African American to achieve recognition for his groundbreaking scientific achievements.

Willa Cather (1873–1947)

Cather moved to Nebraska from Virginia at the age of nine. The author later worked in New York City, but prairie life inspired her celebrated trilogy, *O Pioneers!*, *The Song of the Lark*, and *My Antonia*.

Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874–1942)

Montgomery was the author of *Anne of Green Gables* (1908), the first of eight novels about the orphan Anne Shirley. Set in the Canadian Maritimes, these books remain popular around the world.

Helen Keller (1880–1968)

Young Helen was blind and deaf and cut off from the world, until her teacher, Anne Sullivan, taught her sign language by touch when Helen was 16. Helen later graduated from college and became a writer and social activist.

Georgia O'Keefe (1887–1986)

O'Keefe is one of America's most celebrated artists, and one of the first female artists to achieve recognition for her work. She first became known for her large paintings of flowers. After moving to New Mexico in 1929, she painted many images inspired by the landscape and buildings around her.

Frederick Banting (1891–1941)

As a young doctor, Dr. Banting studied the pancreas, and his work helped lead to the discovery of insulin, which is used by patients with diabetes. Banting's work has saved countless lives, and he shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discovery in 1923.

Dorothea Lange (1895–1965)

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, photographer Lange became famous for taking black and white photographs of unemployed and homeless people. Her best-known work, "Migrant Mother," revealed a migrant worker's resilient strength.

Lester B. Pearson (1897–1972)

An experienced diplomat, Pearson was instrumental in resolving the Suez Crisis in 1956 by forming the first UN Peacekeeping force. He won the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize, and was prime minister of Canada from 1963–1968.

Duke Ellington (1899–1974)

Ellington was a musician and big band leader who was instrumental in raising the profile of jazz music. He was a contributor to New York City's Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and 1930s.

Tommy Douglas (1904–1986)

Douglas was a prominent politician and socialist who rose to national attention as the premier of Saskatchewan, from 1944 to 1961. His most long-lasting achievement was introducing government-sponsored health care in Canada in 1962.

Marshall McLuhan (1911–1980)

An educator and philosopher, McLuhan studied the effect of evolving technologies and media on society. He created the expressions "the medium is the message" and "the global village" to help identify the changes he observed.

Jonas Salk (1914–1995)

A medical researcher specializing in virology, Salk developed an oral vaccine that protected people from polio. It was released in 1955. When asked who owned the patent, Salk modestly replied: "Could you patent the Sun?"

John A. Hopps (1919–1998)

Originally an electrical engineer, Hopps was doing medical research when he discovered that a stopped heart could be electrically shocked into starting again. He was part of a team that developed the first external pacemaker in 1951.

Gloria Steinem (1934–)

Steinem was a journalist and prominent leader of the American feminist movement of the 1960s. She co-founded *Ms. Magazine*, and has supported many political and social issues relating to women.

James Gosling (1955–)

Gosling invented the Java programming language in 1994 as a software developer for Sun Microsystems. Java can run on virtually any computer, regardless of the platform, and it is widely used for web applications and client-server communication.

Terry Fox (1958–1981)

After losing a leg to cancer in 1977, Fox began a cross-Canada run in 1980, using an artificial leg, to raise money for cancer research. He died before he could finish, but annual Terry Fox Runs are still held all over the world, raising millions of dollars for research.

Duke Ellington composed more than 2,000 pieces of music



Glossary

Antibiotic

A medical drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria and other microorganisms.

Antiseptic

A substance that prevents the growth of organisms that can cause disease.

Apartheid

A policy of racial segregation that was enforced by the South African government from 1948 to 1994.

Archaeology

The study of history through analysis of excavation sites and remains.

Astronomy

The study of science that relates to space, the planets, and the Universe.

Bacteria

Single-celled microorganisms, some of which can cause diseases.

Binary code

A system that uses the digits 1 and 0 to represent a number, letter, or character.

Bolsheviks

A faction within the Russian Social Democratic Party, which later became the Communist party in 1918.

Browser

A computer program that allows people to find, view, and navigate between different websites or web pages.

Chemistry

The study of science that relates to substances, and the way they interact, change, and combine.

Civil rights

The rights of citizens to be socially and politically equal.

Cold War

Period of hostility (1946–1991) between communist nations (led by the Soviet Union) and capitalist nations (led by the US) that stopped short of actual war.

Colony

A territory under political control of another country, usually occupied by settlers from that country.

Communism

A system of government in which the state controls the economy, and goods are equally shared.

Constitution

A set of laws or rules that determine the political principles of a government.

Democracy

A government elected by the people.

Element

A substance in which all the atoms are the same, and cannot be broken down by another substance.

Empire

A group of countries under single political or military rule.

Enlightenment (Buddhism)

The state of spiritual knowledge, which frees a person from the cycle of rebirth.

Entrepreneur

An individual who takes on a financial risk to run a business.

Evolution

The theory of how species adapt to their surroundings over a long time.

Fossil

The remains of past animal or plant life found in rocks.

Genetics

A branch of biology that explores heredity and how traits are passed on through generations.

Heresy

The act of holding opinions that go against the teachings of the church.

Martyr

A person who is killed for refusing to renounce their religious beliefs.

Mecca

This city is in modern-day Saudi Arabia, and is the spiritual center of Islam.

Microchip

A computer component used to carry out a range of electronic functions.

Morality

Beliefs based on the principles of what is right and wrong.

Patent

The exclusive rights held by an inventor or company to make use of a specific process or invention.

Physics

The study of science relating primarily to energy and matter.

Psychology

The scientific study of the mind and how it relates to human behavior.

Renaissance

A period from the 14th to 16th centuries in Europe when there was a surge of interest in the arts and sciences.

Revolution

Overthrowing a government or political system, usually with force.

Saint

A person recognized by the church as being exceptionally virtuous.

Server

A computer, or software on a computer, providing services to other computers that connect to it over a network.

Suffrage

The right to vote in a political election.

Vaccination

Precautionary medical treatment that stops you contracting a disease.

World Wide Web

An interconnected set of hyperlinked documents spread throughout the Internet.

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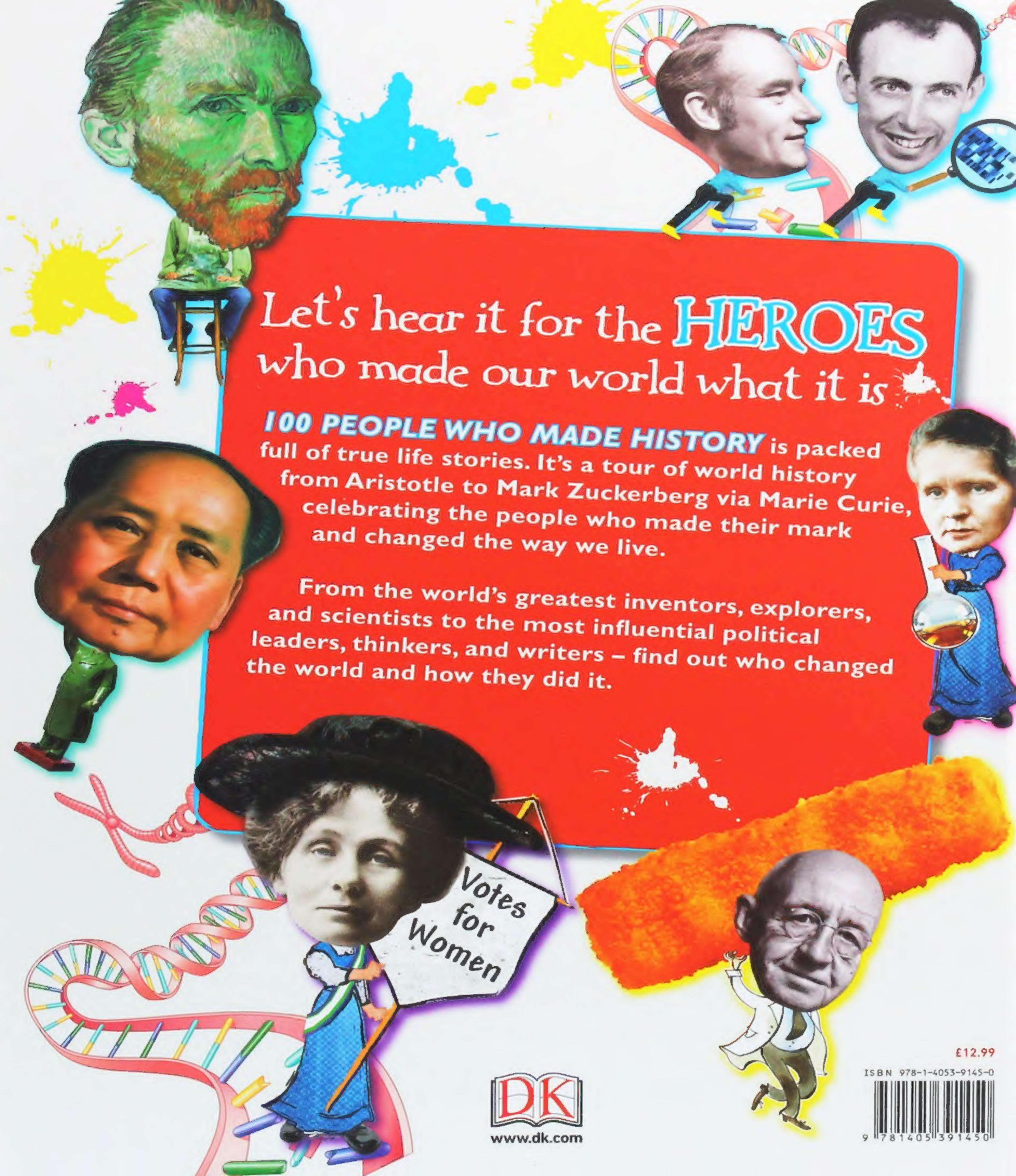
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